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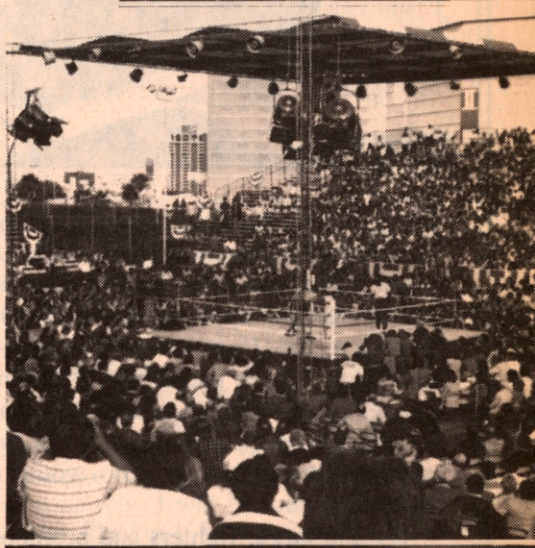

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I was disappointed when Lloyd Honeyghan gave up his WBA welterweight title. Whether he did it for business or political reasons really doesn't make much difference. The bottom line is that boxing is back down to just one undisputed champion again—Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

As a realist, I've always understood that the split title phenomenon is one of boxing's many paradoxes. While having multi-champions in most weight classes causes confusion and cheapens the concept of a "world champion," it also generates a helluva lot of revenue and offers both incentive and opportunity for boxers who would have probably fallen by the wayside otherwise.

By-and-large, fighters and promoters seem to like the current divide-and-get-rich situation, while the fans and press tend to hate it. But regardless of one's feelings about split titles, they are a fact of life we in boxing have to live with, at least for the time being. The trick is to see past the propaganda.

For instance, is Honeyghan any less of a champion because he relinquished the WBA belt? No, not as long as he defends the title against worthy opponents on a regular basis. The WBA crown, as well as the WBC and IFB baubles, are mere window dressing.

The truth is, things are not anywhere near as confusing as the various governing bodies would have us believe. When in doubt about who, if anyone, is the "real" champion in any division, just remember the axiom which has guided *The Ring* in such matters since its inception in 1922: titles are won and lost in the ring.

Now, if we could only convince the Alphabet Boys, Honeyghan would only have one title to worry about in the first place.

Nigel Collins

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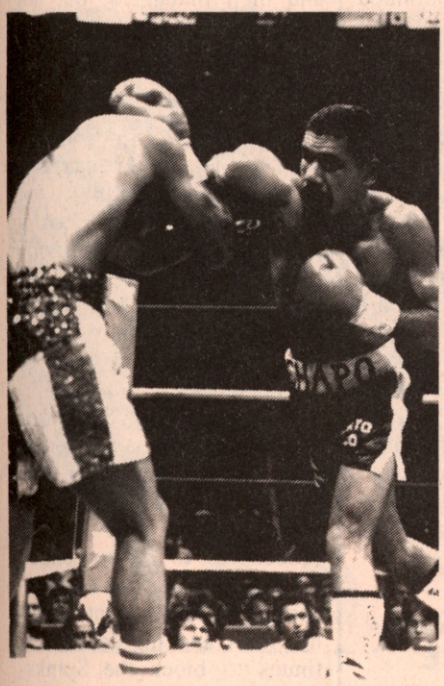

PHOTO BY JACK GOODMAN/DKP

Edwin Rosario has Hector Camacho covering up during their controversial match for the WBC lightweight title. Though he's a Rosario fan, reader Guy Russo thinks the "Macho Man" should be rated number one on the strength of his close decision over Rosario.

MESSAGE FROM ZIMBABWE

THIS LETTER IS AN ATTEMPT TO LET you and your readers know that there is an organization in Zimbabwe, Africa trying to bring the sport of boxing up to its former glory in this part of the world.

My organization's aim is to promote, educate, improve the skills of our boxers and win fans by providing magazines and videos on boxing at our annual Boxing Convention. Our first boxing clinic will be held here on Feb. 7, 1987. We will try to expose our boxers to international standards and sharpen their skills.

We at Ring Promotions subscribe to *The Ring* and find it very informative in keeping us in the picture on what is going on in the sport. We could also use a helping hand from the fans outside of Zambabwe. Please pass the word that Ring Promotions is looking for friends and exposure for its boxers. If anyone wishes to know more about promoting in Africa or wants information about our progress, they are welcome to write.

LORRAINE MURINGI, PRESIDENT
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Zimbabwe

THE SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION for the article "Whole Hog" by Peter Wood (*The Ring*, November '86). As a white, middle class kid who had his heart broken by a loss in the Golden Gloves, the article stirred some long forgotten feelings. I hope more individuals like Mr. Wood will avail themselves the opportunity to compete in boxing and not abandon the sport to only those who seem to fit the mold.

Also being a high school teacher, I suspect Mr. Wood brings to his classroom a view of life not readily available from most instructors. The White Plains High School English Department is to be envied.

CRAIG FREED
Walden, CO

ROSARIO FAN DEFENDS CAMACHO

WHILE I CONSIDER *THE RING'S* International Ratings to be the best in existence, I must strongly disagree with your lightweight division rankings in the December '86 issue.

I am anything but a Hector Camacho fan, but I don't feel you can justify ranking him anywhere lower than number one. I too questioned the scoring in his points victory over Edwin Rosario. However, the fact remains that he *did* win the fight officially.

Moreover, I do not feel that he should be penalized for putting on a less-than-spectacular showing against Cornelius Boza-Edwards. After all, Camacho did win rather easily to remain undefeated. Rosario, *The Ring's* number-one lightweight, has two loses: to number-two rated Camacaho and a TKO loss to the number-six man, Jose Luis Ramirez, whom Camacho defeated handily.

Granted, Rosario's blitzing of Livingstone Bramble was impressive, but Camacho may have beaten Bramble just as decisively. I will be rooting my head off for Rosario if he fights the "Macho Man" again, but fair is fair. Right now, Hector Camacho is the number one lightweight in the world.

GUY RUSSO
Pittsburgh, PA

CANADIAN CHAMP ON THE MOVE

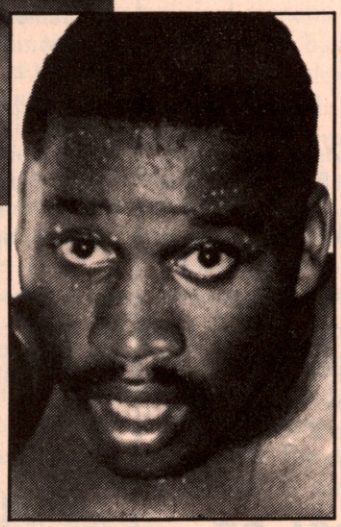
I WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE DEfense of the Canadian heavyweight champion, Willie deWit. Although deWit's young pro career has been pestered by media critics and other people who say he can't fight, it isn't true. Willie did have a slow first year, but now he's on the verge of being world ranked. A lot of people will be shocked when they see Willie deWit's name at the top of the heavyweight division. But I won't be one of them.

CRAIG KUZIEMSKY
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Round One

by Nigel Collins

Don't invite Don King (below left) and Tim Witherspoon (below right) to the same party unless you're looking for trouble. Read "Reefer Madness" for details.



REEFER MADNESS STRIKES AGAIN

Talk about adding insult to injury! Former WBA heavyweight champion **"Terrible" Tim Witherspoon** just might have a libel case against the **New York State Athletic Commission**. Losing the title to **"Bonecrusher" Smith** in such an ignominious manner was bad enough, but when the New York State Athletic Commission issued a statement claiming Tim had flunked both his pre- and post-fight urinalysis because traces of marijuana had been found, the ex-champ had a legitimate beef.

"After all I went through in Atlanta, I would have to be the stupidest human being in the world to smoke again," said Witherspoon in an article published in the *New York Post*.

Though nobody has ever accused Witherspoon of being a rocket scientist, his indignation was, in this instance, justified. Two days after their initial statement, the NYSAC said it had all been a "clerical error." Witherspoon was clean. His urine sample had simply been mixed up with that of a preliminary fighter on the same card.

"When I heard it on the news, I didn't even get excited. I knew this was going to happen. Don King is trying to blackball me," continued Witherspoon. "Don King knows I don't want to associate with him. He's going to try every avenue to discredit me. And he's got the people in New York (State Athletic Commission) in his pocket."

While I wouldn't go as far as Witherspoon in accusing chairman **Jose Torres** and the NYSAC of duplicity, they are certainly guilty of gross incompetence. Before making such a serious charge public in the future, Torres and his underlings should be damned sure of the facts.

Maybe they should start testing the folks who do the testing!

HEAVYWEIGHT HEADACHE

The mess surrounding **Home Box Office's** gallant attempt to unify the heavyweight title grows more tangled with each passing day. First, **Butch Lewis** and IBF champion **Michael Spinks** tried to make an end run around the series by fighting **Gerry Cooney** at Madison Square Garden in March. This was okay with HBO as long as Cooney signed to replace Spinks in the unification series should he win. However, **Dennis Rappaport**, Cooney's manager, refused to commit Gerry to the tournament.

Next, New York State Supreme Court Justice **Elliot Wilk** blocked the proposed Spinks-Cooney fight at the request of HBO, granting an injunction against the match. As we go to press, Rappaport and Cooney are appealing the judge's ruling.

Let me pause here to say I hope you're following this very closely, because it's about to get even more confusing.

The next bout in the series is supposed to be WBA champion **James (Bonecrusher) Smith** against WBC boss **Mike Tyson**. Now, this is fine and dandy with both fighters and their managers, but not with the WBA. They want Smith to make his first defense against **Tony Tubbs** (remember him?), who pulled out of a scheduled rematch with Witherspoon because of an alleged shoulder injury. Of course, when Tubbs took a powder it left the door wide open for the Bonecrusher—a far more marketable fighter than Tubbs, especially following his one-round blitz of Witherspoon.

But never fear, Smith has applied for special dispensation under something the WBA calls "rule 19," which allows normal title defense procedures to be suspended for good cause. But even assuming the WBA grants Smith his wish and the court continues to block the Spinks-Cooney match (dubbed "The Clash Of The Cowards" by *The Ring*'s Joe D'O'Brian), HBO still won't be home free.

IBF president **Bob Lee** is pressuring Spinks to defend against **Tony Tucker**, the organization's number one contender. Though Lee says he thinks Spinks will honor his obligation to face Tucker, there is still a possibility that the IBF will eventually strip Spinks if he doesn't.

HBO's **Bob Greenway** told *The Ring* that, despite rumors to the contrary, his network is still anxious to see the unification series through to the bitter end. He did admit, however, that there may come a time when too many "roadblocks" may force them to abandon

Round One

their noble efforts.

Stay tuned for further developments next issue.

ROSIN DUST

In an apparent effort to give practically every boxer on the planet a shot at winning a "title," the **World Boxing Council** plans to bring you something called the **WBC International Junior Championships**. According to a press release from the WBC, the idea is "to give boxers who are ranked in the WBC's top 30 every month, but who will never get to fight for any real honors, the opportunity to compete for a title. It also opens the door for the Third World countries which are not as affluent as the U.S.A." Boxers winning one of these so-called titles will be awarded a belt named after the late Alexander Elliott of Britain . . . A match for the vacant WBA welterweight crown between **Mark Breland** and South Africa's **Harold Volbrecht** in Atlantic City will open **SHOWTIME's** second season of boxing. The cable network has signed a multi-fight pact with **Main Events/Monitor** that will feature Breland, WBA junior heavyweight boss **Evander Holyfield**, lightweight contenders **Meldrick Taylor** and **Pernell Whitaker**, plus other stars of the Duva stable. Last year, SHOWTIME broadcast a series of excellent cards promoted by **Top Rank**, including the Honeyghan-Curry upset. According to **Allen Sabinson**, senior vice president in charge of original programming for the pay television service, the switch to Main Events does not mean Top Rank is out of the picture. "I believe 1987 will see us do fights with both **Bob Arum** and Main Events." . . . At the New York City press conference to announce the Breland-Volbrecht fight(?), promoter **Dan Duva** read a telegram from Volbrecht and his manager denouncing South Africa's policy of *apartheid*. In part, the telegram said: "We oppose any discrimination based on color, race or creed and abjectly reject the policy of *apartheid*." . . . The **World Boxing Association** has stripped **Victor Callejas** of his junior featherweight title for failure to defend. **Tommy Valoy** and **Louie Espinoza** will be paired for the vacant crown . . .

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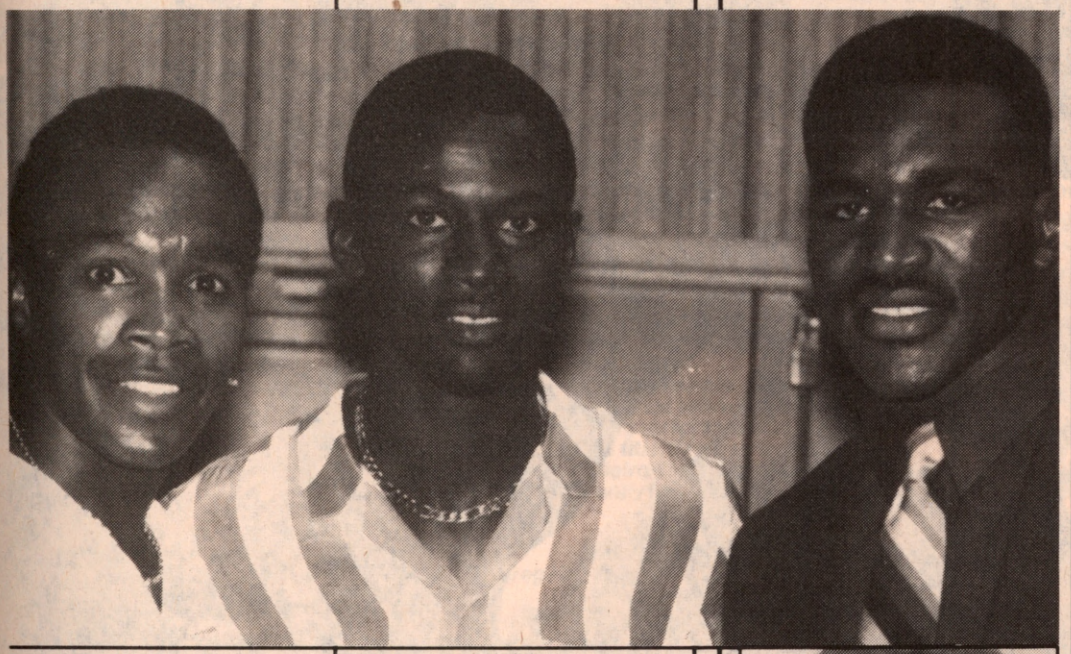
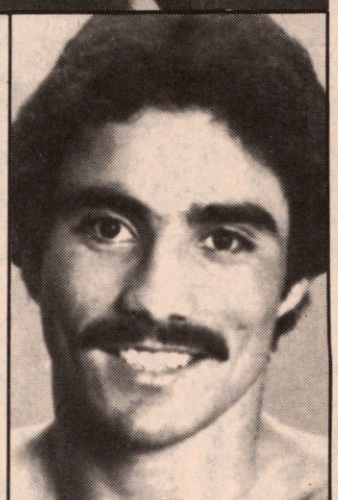


Mark Breland (center) and stablemate Evander Holyfield (right) will be two of the fighters starring in SHOWTIME's new series of cable TV fights. Rounding out this trio of fistic nobility is Sugar Ray Leonard.



Louie Espinoza (above) gets a crack at the vacant WBA junior featherweight title against Tommy Valoy.

PUNCH LINES

WBC heavyweight king **Mike Tyson**, telling Wallace Matthews of *Newsday*
what he did his first day home after winning the title: "I just took the garbage out, like I always do."

British *Boxing News* editor **Harry Mullan**, expressing his feelings about a photo of **Lloyd Honeyghan** dropping his WBA championship REEFER belt into the trash can: "Championship belts may not, in themselves, be either valuable or beautiful (The WBA's is certainly neither), but what they symbolise in terms of the effort, suffering, and risks that go into their winning is beyond measure. **Duk-Koo Kim** died trying to win a WBA belt against **Ray Mancini**; **Johnny Owen** and **Kiko Bejines** died fighting for a WBC belt. Honeyghan insulted their memory by treating his belt in such a manner." □

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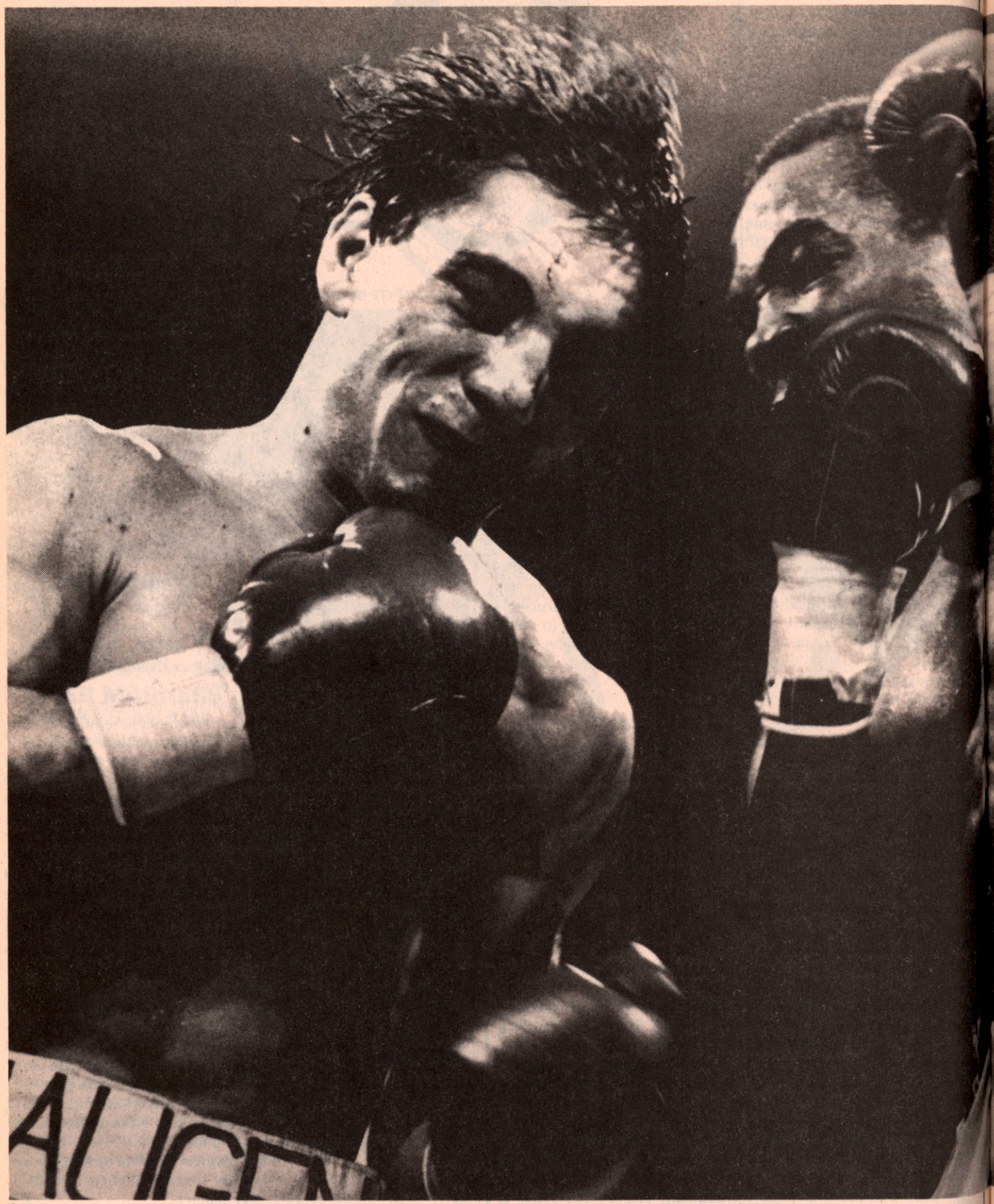
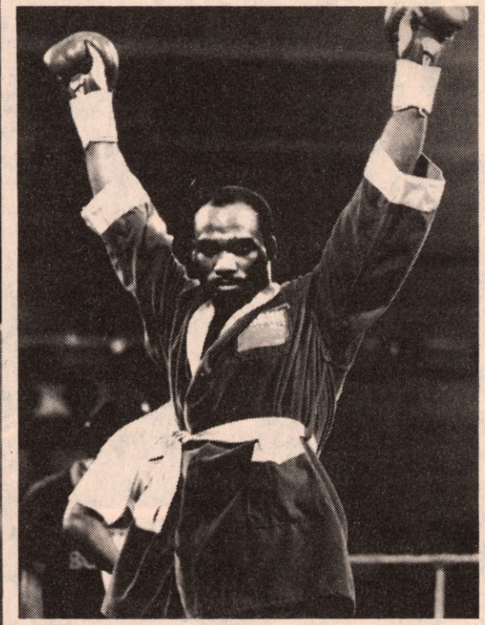
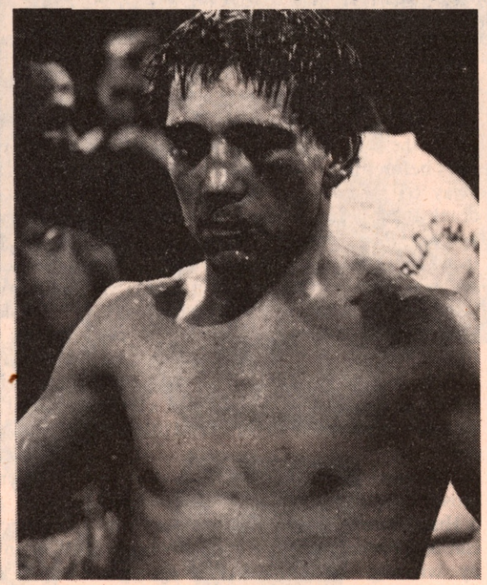


Defending champion Jimmy Paul and challenger Greg Haugen go head-to-head during their 15-rounder. Both men had their moments, but when the scorecards were tallied, Haugen was the winner via a majority decision.



Duane Thomas raises his arms in victory following his upset victory over John (The Beast) Mugabi for the vacant WBC junior middleweight title. Thomas is now the only member of Detroit's famed Kronk boxing team to currently hold a world championship.

The signs of battle show clearly on Greg Haugen's face as he awaits the decision that will make him the new IBF lightweight champion.



DOUBLE UPSET

"The Beast" Surrenders To Thomas And Haugen Squeaks By Paul

by Jack Welsh

AS A FIST FIGHTER FOR CASH, GREG Haugen logically figured progress would come only where there is steady action. Yet before making a southern odyssey to Las Vegas last year, the 26-year-old Haugen silently vowed he wouldn't return to the rustic beauty of the Pacific Northwest until he was a world champion.

The interim was shorter than a determined Haugen or any of his connections dared to imagine, since Greg fulfilled a promise which enabled him to enjoy the Christmas holidays in Auburn, Washington, a native locale he often called "the biggest, little city south of Seattle."

Three weeks before Santa Claus made his traditional run, Haugen scaled the two biggest plateaus in a young man's professional and domestic life at Caesars Palace. Less than 48 hours after relieving Detroiter Jimmy Paul of his International Boxing Federation lightweight crown, Greg also departed the ranks of the benedicts by marrying the former Karen Dardis, his sweetheart of eight years.

Needless to say, it was much more than love at first sight since Haugen was now able to afford new celebration dresses for their children, Jasmine, 6, and Cassie, 3, as well as beautiful wedding bands for his bride.

Top Rank paid Haugen the biggest purse of a four-year career at $50,000, half of what Paul earned in losing a 15-round majority decision in Caesars' mini sports Pavilion where 4,360 spectators made a live gate of almost $473,000.

In a night of upsets televised nationally by Showtime, Haugen backed his confidence with a $2,000 wager that a 3-1 challenger (he opened at +$4.00) would end the 27-year-old Paul's reign in his fourth title defense.

It was body shots like this left hook that paved the way to the title for Haugen. "I heard Paul breathing hard and grunting every time I went to the body," reported the new champ.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Greg's thrilling squeaker preceded an even bigger shocker when Duane Thomas, another Detroit product of the Kronk gym, won the vacant World Boxing Council super welterweight championship by TKOing John "The Beast" Mugabi of Uganda 56 seconds into the third round.

In most Nevada sports books, Mugabi, loser only to Marvelous Marvin Hagler in a 27-fight career, was a —$4.50 favorite to succeed abdicated Thomas Hearns as the WBC's 154-pound ruler. However, it was an explosive underdog returning three dollars for every buck bet in an exercise scheduled for 12 rounds, giving Kronk a split in two title shots on the same night.

Whatever Haugen achieves in the future, it's a cinch to beat those inconsistent paydays as a furnace installer back in Auburn (pop. estimated 30,000), or those raw moonlighting brawls in "Tough Man" tournaments in Anchorage, Alaska where he won 24 straight unsanctioned affairs to reach a pay scale of $1,000 a fight.

"Practically every guy was bigger than me," the new champion explained two days before his coronation. "Once I gave away 65 pounds. But most of the guys drank their beers, worked up their courage, and then fought me. To tell the truth, that kind of thing was much tougher than professional fighting. It was a matter of survival. In the pros, I can pace myself, and every fight, I'm stronger than the other fighter."

Bob Arum, Top Rank's board chairman, was exhuberant over Haugen's upset against a taller, more experienced titleholder.

"Haugen has an unbelievable story in those 'Tough Man' contests. He looks like a Huckleberry Finn . . . somebody who can be extremely marketable. Obviously, by winning we anticipate doing great things with him," the New York promoter said. "Teddy Brenner, Mel Greb (Top Rank matchmakers), and myself have always felt if Haugen came through in the ring, we'd have somebody who could surpass Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini in popularity. And that's saying a lot considering Mancini (former World Boxing Association lightweight champion) is now in a successful action career in Hollywood."

While Arum has been known for promotional exaggerations, the one time Harvard law graduate appears on the right track with Haugen, an undefeated ringman (19-0-1, 9 KOs) who facially resembles actor Dane Clark and fights like a miniature Gene Fullmer.

When ring announcer Chuck Hull declared a new IBF 135-pound ruler had been crowned, the newest pride of Washington state immediately escalated into a six-figure income bracket. Arum

has signed a contract with Haugen's manager, Wes Wolfe, for four title fights, 60 days apart with an option for a fourth.

There was also a proviso Haugen could have a non-title tuneup in February once he went back into training in Las Vegas after returning from a salmon fishing trip in the Northwest.

"There is a possibility Haugen's first defense may be against Irleis "Cubanito" Perez on the Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard card," Arum advised. "Perez lost a close decision to Paul (15 rounds, June 4, 1986, East Rutherford, N.J.) and it would be a bonus attraction for Vegas fans since they know both fighters so well. Regardless of the opponent, Haugen will definitely defend on that April date."

The corners of Haugen and Paul agreed the decision was as close as your next breath, but the former clearly looked like the loser with a slight cut over the right eye, a knick on the left side of his upper lip, and two black eyes that were building in the post-fight reviews.

Haugen has never been shy about telling it like he thinks it is, and he was never more accurate in declaring "I may have to get a makeup man before the wedding."

The makeup man turned out to be trainer Stan Tischer's wife, Cora, and working with assorted cosmetics, she "did a Hollywood job" in preparing Haugen for the nuptials in a Caesars' 16th floor suite.

Paul, whose ledger dipped to 26-2-1, 19 KOs, was spitting blood from the sixth round on from a gashed lower lip and picked up a slight cut over the right eye as Haugen took advantage of the champion's erratic timing to move in and out with scoring combinations.

Paul missed left jabs in sequences of three-four punches in the early rounds when he elected to fight outside. However, he did shake Haugen with a jab and a right to the side of the head in the third round. The challenger's knees buckled briefly, but he gave that tight little smile of his and continued a two-handed attack to Paul's torso.

Haugen evened counts in the power department in the seventh round when he backed Paul into the ropes and hurt him with a left hook and combination to the head. Neither fighter, both at the 135-pound limit, ever threatened a knockdown.

Haugen's oft-bruised right hand was sound throughout and he was punishingly effective in playing a mean tattoo on Paul's ribs. Maintaining a torrid pace in his first 15-rounder, Greg did seem to tire in the late rounds and Paul, in the eyes of the judges, apparently connected enough with chopping right hands to win five of the last seven rounds.

In the official balloting, Robert Cox of Phoenix saw it 143-143, while votes for

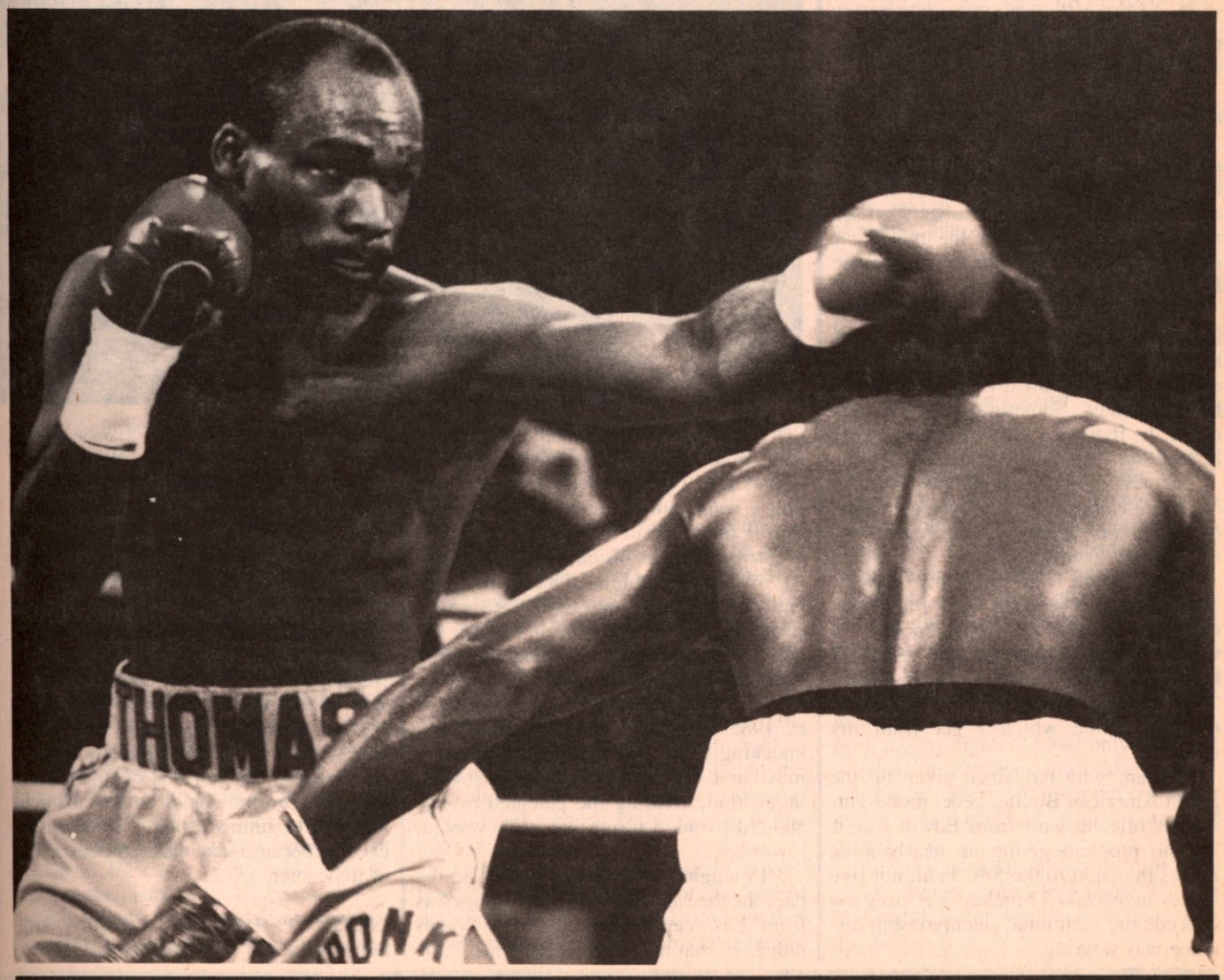


PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

John "The Beast" Mugabi (right) ducks a left jab thrown by Duane Thomas during their scheduled 12-rounder in Las Vegas. Thomas stood up under a vicious right in the second and rebounded to stop Mugabi in the third.

Haugen came from Art Lurie of Las Vegas, 143-142, and Ed Levine of Miami, Fla., 144-141. *The Ring's* tab read Haugen, 146-142.

With Tischler applying an ice pack under his left eye, Haugen analyzed his career high unhaltingly:

"It knew it was close and I thought it could have gone either way," Greg said with a nod. "But I knew I was wearing him down with body shots. I heard Paul breathing hard and he grunted every time I went to the body. I knew I was stronger than he was. This tops 20 years of hard work. I trained six weeks and I knew I wasn't going to leave the ring without that belt.

"I give Jimmy a lot of credit. He was a street fighter. He hit me with a couple of good shots, I think it was the 10th round. He didn't like me though and I didn't like him. During the morning weigh-in, the Kronk people were saying they would stop me in the fourth round. There was no way that was going to happen because I'm one of the strongest lightweights in the world."

On trying for a late kayo, Haugen added:

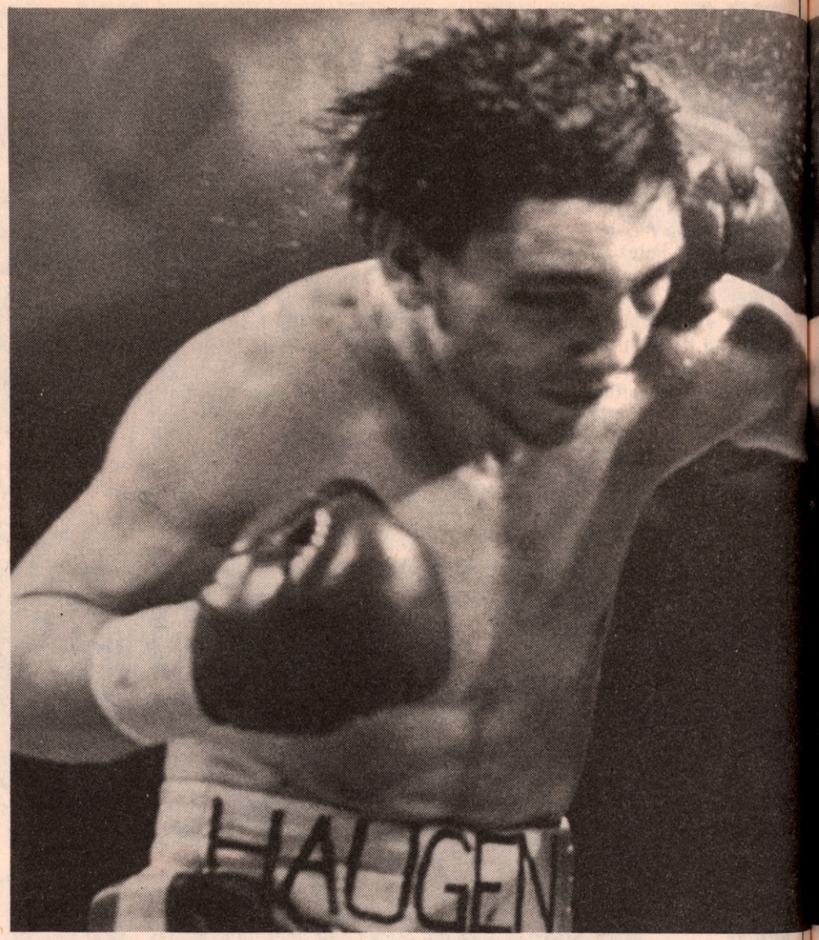
"I heard it was even going into the last round, and I didn't want the judges to take it away from me. Judges watch from three different angles and sometimes they see three different fights. In the real close rounds, I think I pulled them out because I was backing Paul up.

"Staying away from Paul's right was the most difficult thing I had to do, but I knew I confused him with my style because he didn't know if I was going to the head or body. Sometimes when I bent down, he thought I'd shoot for the body, but instead I'd counter to the head."

The new titleholder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haugen, were among a vociferous delegation jetting to Las Vegas from the Auburn-Seattle area.

"This is the first time my mother, Susan, had ever seen me fight. I hope she didn't get too excited," Haugen said. "I wasn't worried about the cut because I knew my corner would do a good job. Anyway, I got good, thick Indian blood (Sioux) in me which I get from my mother."

Haugen, who has since given up the North American Boxing Federation lightweight title he won from Edwin Curet, had no problem giving up nearly three inches in height to the 5'9" Paul, nor five inches in reach at 72 inches. Yet Greg did concede the traditional championship distance was wearing.



"I got tired in the stretch, but Jimmy was more tired . . . that's for sure. I wasn't sure I could go 15 rounds. And I didn't want him to catch me with a late shot. Paul's hard to hit moving away, and everytime I did get inside, he'd tie me up.

"When I congratulated him in the ring, Paul said it was a tough fight. He's a very smart fighter and he's been in with the best. He's been a good champion, but I want to be even better."

Paul, who won the IBF diadem April 6, 1985 with a 15-round decision after knocking Harry Arroyo down four times in Atlantic City, didn't duck the post-fight inquisition, wearing the patented orange and red Kronk warmup suit and a very fat lower lip.

"I thought I won since I picked up the pace in the last three rounds. Haugen is from Las Vegas, they had one Vegas judge, so that had to go against me," the deposed champion said. "I wasn't at my best . . . my timing was off early and I had trouble setting up the right jab."

"When a decision is that close, it's hard to argue whether it's for my fighter or not," Emanuel Steward said. "Paul definitely won the last three rounds and I thought that was close enough to win."

In a fine gesture of sportsmanship, Steward, along with Thomas, the only world champion left on the Kronk roster, showed up for Haugen's wedding and reception. Emanuel reportedly told Wolfe and Tischler "don't let anybody taint the win because Haugen was doing the same thing in the 15th round he was doing in the fifth to Jimmy's body. There are no excuses because Paul was in the best shape of his career."

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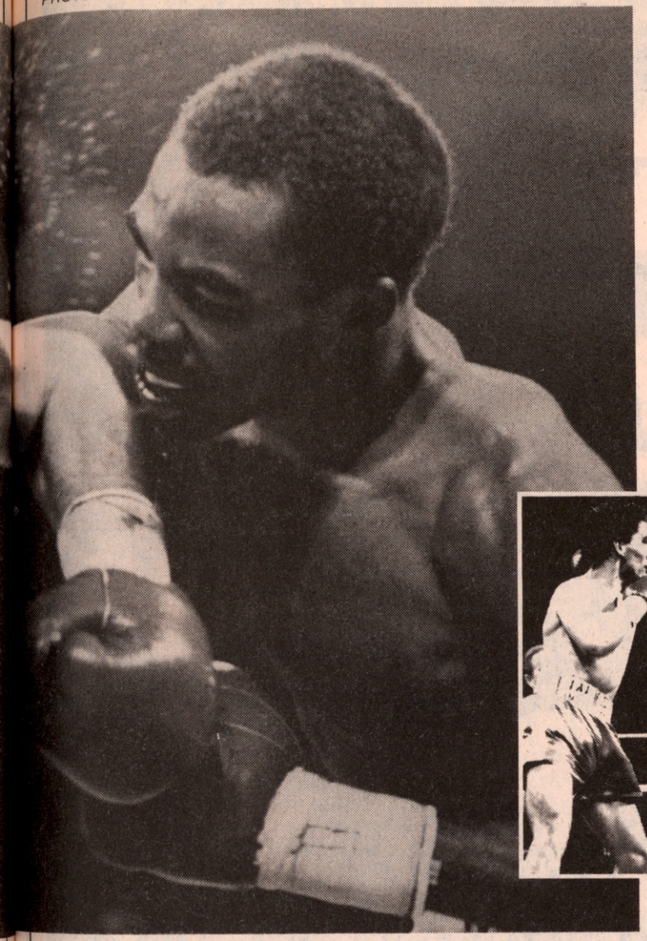

Paul (right) rallied down the stretch, catching Haugen with rights to the head, but it was not enough to erase Greg's early lead.

Haugen (left) and Paul both miss jabs during the early going of their match for the IBF lightweight crown. Paul's inability to land his jab was a major factor in his defeat.

predicted a knockout. Only the former was taken seriously after he was elevated as the WBC's number-one 154-pound contender following his gallant but losing stand against Hagler for the middleweight crown in this same ring a year ago.

In their final pre-fight threats, the 26-year-old Mugabi contended "this fight can only be won by one . . . that's me because I'll show 'em the Beast is back."

Thomas, 25, who came into the fight as the United States Boxing Association junior middleweight champion with a 28-1, 20 KOs record, was more accurate.

"It won't go past seven rounds. He'd better be ready. If he comes at me like I anticipate, Mugabi will fall earlier," Thomas said. "I've watched Mugabi fight and I'm confident. He can't fight inside and he can't go the distance . . . I know that."

Mugabi had knocked out 26 straight opponent before begrudingly tasting defeat at the hands of Hagler. Before the sudden ending, it appeared the affable gent from Kampala would use Thomas to start a new string.

After an uneventful opening round in which Mugabi did just enough to win, the alleged Beast threw three chopping rights that missed and then one that didn't. It caught Thomas high on the head and sent him careening into the ropes. John, 153½, then scored with a right and two lefts to the body before being warned by referee Carlos Padilla for a low left. Thomas, 152½, caught Mugabi with a good left coming in at the bell, but the African punched back. Padilla made both boxers shake hands before going to the corners.

Opening round three, Mugabi missed three lunging lefts before Thomas scored with a left hook to the body and another which strangely grazed John's nose before catching him in the left eye. Mugabi tottered to his right before taking another punch to the throat and almost went down.

Now disoriented and clearly hurt, Mugabi suddenly turned his back slumping over the top rope strand while pawing his left eye which now had an ugly knot the size of a walnut underneath.

Thomas continued to punch his wounded rival with shots to the head and body before Padilla halted the bout.

Explaining his actions, the Manila-born referee now living in Las Vegas, said: "There was no standing 8-count because Mugabi was hurt before he turned away. Only the ropes prevented his knees from touching the floor. If they had, I could have counted for a knockdown. If you're a professional fighter and you get hurt, you don't turn away . . . it's a sign of surrender. John Mugabi is a skilled fighter and he knew what he was doing."

Mugabi was taken to Valley hospital immediately after the fight where Dr. Jack Guggino of Tampa, Florida, said an examination disclosed the fighter had a fracture of the bottom orbit in the eye socket. The ophthalmolgist added "any part of the glove other than the thumb was too large to inflict such an injury."

"The thumb was not intentional and nobody said it was," said Mickey Duff, Mugabi's manager. "The referee did not see it and it's normal because John's body was turned. I think the only fair decision would be to declare the fight a technical draw. I'm not asking to change the decision because that would be a bad thing. But I think the WBC should rule the decision was not conclusive and that they should fight again."

On his surprise triumph, Thomas said: "It was worth waiting for because nobody thought I had a chance against John Mugabi. I didn't fear him like some of his opponents. People questioned whether I could stand up under his punches.

"It was a legitimate shot he caught me with in the second round, but I knew I wasn't going anywhere. I've worked with Hearns and Milt McCrory and they aren't exactly powder puff punchers. If Mugabi feels he was thumbed . . . well, I've never been a dirty fighter. I had only one goal — to win the championship of the world."

Steward, always cool winning or losing under stress, summed it up for a lot of people.

"It boils down to one man hitting the other (Mugabi) with a legal blow. He was hurt and he didn't want to fight . . . that's all there is to it." □

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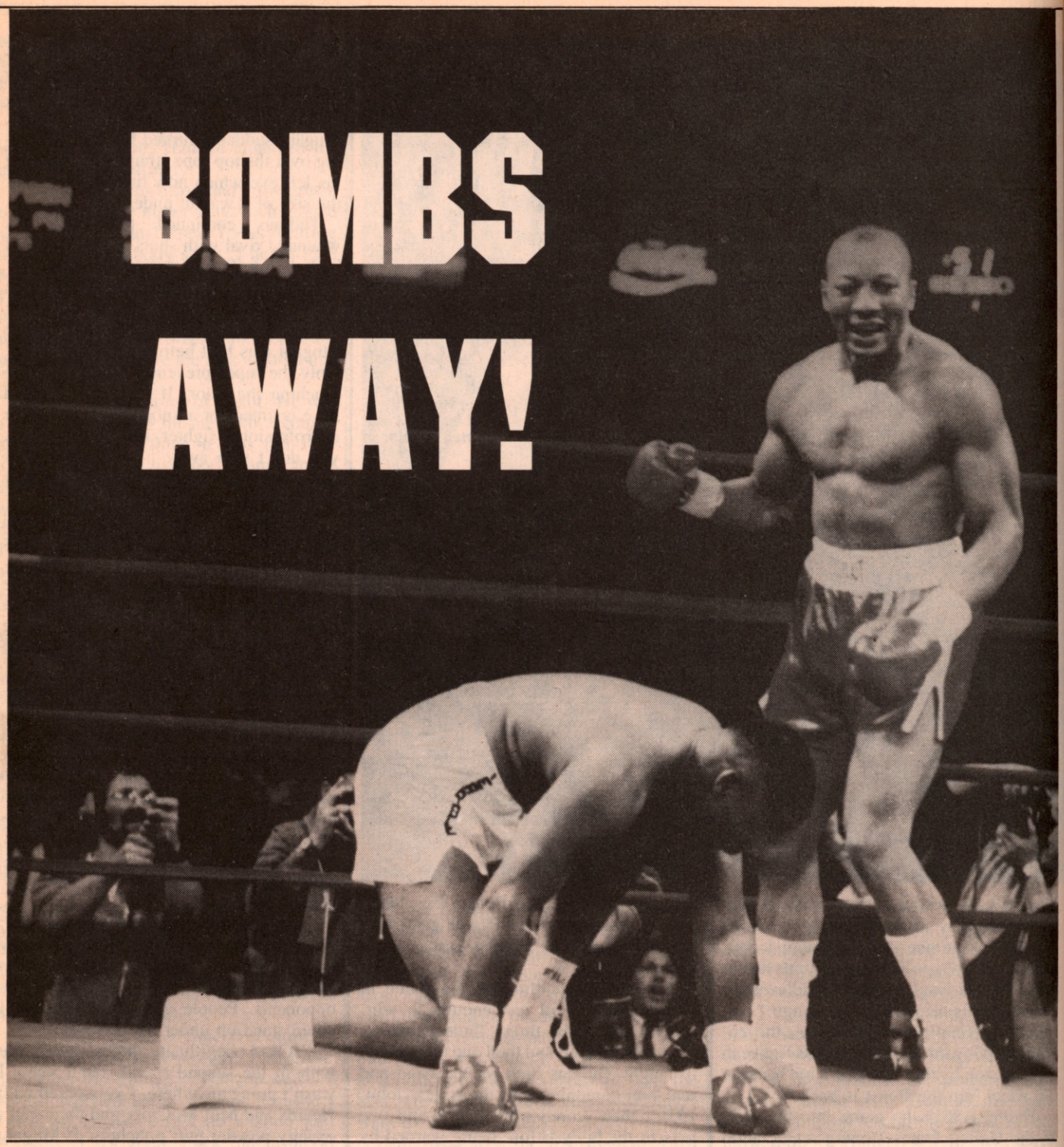

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Bonecrusher Smith seems to be laughing as "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon struggles to regain his feet in the opening round of their match for the WBA heavyweight title in Madison Square Garden. Smith's stunning victory was one of the year's biggest upsets.

Bonecrusher's First Round Kayo Of Witherspoon Sets Up Intriguing Clash With Tyson

by Nigel Collins

WHAT HAPPENS IF JAMES (BONEcrusher) Smith nails Mike Tyson the same way he did "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon? That's the question intriguing boxing fans around the world as we approach the Tyson-Smith collision later this month at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Smith's surprise entry into Home Box Office's heavyweight sweepstakes has given the cable network's attempt to unify

the heavyweight title a new dimension. Just when it looked like Tyson was ready to roll roughshod over a field consisting of a blimp and a light heavyweight, along came Bonecrusher.

Nobody is saying Smith is a serious threat to ruin Tyson's story book career, but at least he is perceived as having a chance—a puncher's chance. Smith is also obviously a fighter capable of rising to the occasion when an opportunity presents itself.

Opportunities are rare, and those who know how to seize them are even rarer. But when Bonecrusher charged from his corner at the sound of the opening bell for his second shot at the heavyweight title, he knew exactly what he wanted to do—hit Witherspoon hard, early and often.

Never known as one who deals in the subtleties of his art, Bonecrusher wisely decided to risk everything on an all-out assault. The gamble paid off, earning him the WBA belt and a million-dollar date with Tyson. Witherspoon never knew what hit him. It was all over just 2:12 into the first round. The same battle plan would seem to be Smith's best chance against Tyson, who has been hit before, but never by a puncher with Bonecrusher's numbing power.

Witherspoon's abrupt downfall concluded one of the strangest weeks in the history of heavyweight boxing. Seven days before Smith's Cinderella-like victory, he wasn't supposed to be anywhere near Madison Square Garden on the evening of December 12th. In fact, he was scheduled to fight Mitch (Blood) Green the following day in Fayetteville, North Carolina. But when Tony Tubbs begged off with a bum shoulder, Smith gladly leaped into the breach.

Tubbs, who was only getting a rematch with Witherspoon because Tim's urine had shown traces of marijuana following their forgettable encounter in Atlanta, claimed to have hurt himself in training and produced a doctor's note to back up his assertion. But Don King wasn't buying it. The promoter felt that Tubbs was only trying to squeeze a few more bucks out of the deal and quickly began to hunt for a suitable replacement.

Home Box Office liked the idea of Tyrell Biggs, already on the card, taking Tubbs' place. But Biggs' managerial team of Shelly Finkel and Lou Duva decided against rushing their prospect into a situation he wasn't fully prepared for, and Smith was quickly signed instead for a purse of $200,000.

Bonecrusher had long maintained that he should be part of HBO's attempt to unify the heavyweight title, and his recent string of wins (especially his one-round kayo of Mike Weaver) made him an excellent second choice as far as the cable TV network was concerned. Witherspoon, however, wasn't quite so sure. It wasn't that Smith scared Tim (after all, he'd already soundly outpointed him 18 months ago), it was the size of his purse and an alleged lack of concern on the part of his manager, Carl King, that upset him.

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Though the senior King boosted Tim's paycheck from $250,000 to $300,000 (plus training expenses), Witherspoon was far from happy with the situation. His relationship with Carl has been a stormy one for a long time. They had feuded in the past over money and the direction of Carl's loyalties. But victories have a way of smoothing over problems, and until Tubbs withdrew from the fight, Witherspoon had seemed relatively content with the arrangement.

After first saying he would be happy to box anybody King put in front of him, Witherspoon found a lawyer and said he'd rather skip this one and go straight to Tyson. King blew a fuse and New York State Athletic Commission chairman Jose Torres issued a stern warning to the effect that any fighter not honoring his contract would be suspended.

One of Witherspoon's main bones of contention was that while Carl King had, as his legal manager, a perfect right to okay the change in opponent, he should have asked for Tim's consent somewhere along the way.

"Carl is supposed to be my manager, but I never see him until fight night," moaned Witherspoon. "I don't know what happens to my money. I still live in a $400 apartment."

For several days, the match was in limbo. Newspapers carried contradictory headlines. First, the fight was on, then it was off, then back on again. The fight was getting plenty of press—all of it negative.

Finally, around-the-clock negotiations saved the match, but not Witherspoon's peace of mind. He entered the ring a pudgy 233, looking like a prime candidate for taxidermy. Needless to say, his mind wasn't exactly on the task in front of him.

"I wasn't mentally ready at all," said Witherspoon.

It was this state of emotional confusion that Bonecrusher was counting on. It was the ace in the hole.

"I knew Tim Witherspoon's mind couldn't be on the fight," said Smith. "He kind of embarrassed me a year and a half ago, and I wanted to pay him back. I felt like I could rush him and hit him with my best shot."

And that's exactly what Smith did.

Bonecrusher's first meaningful punch came only seconds into the match when he connected with a heavy overhand right to the head. Witherspoon trembled and tried to fight back, but he was already in deep trouble. Smith, 228½, walked through a couple of decent counters, including one that seemed to jar him briefly, and dropped the defending champion to one knee with a thudding right to the head. However, referee Luis Rivera failed to see Tim's knee brushing the canvas and allowed the action to continue uninterrupted.

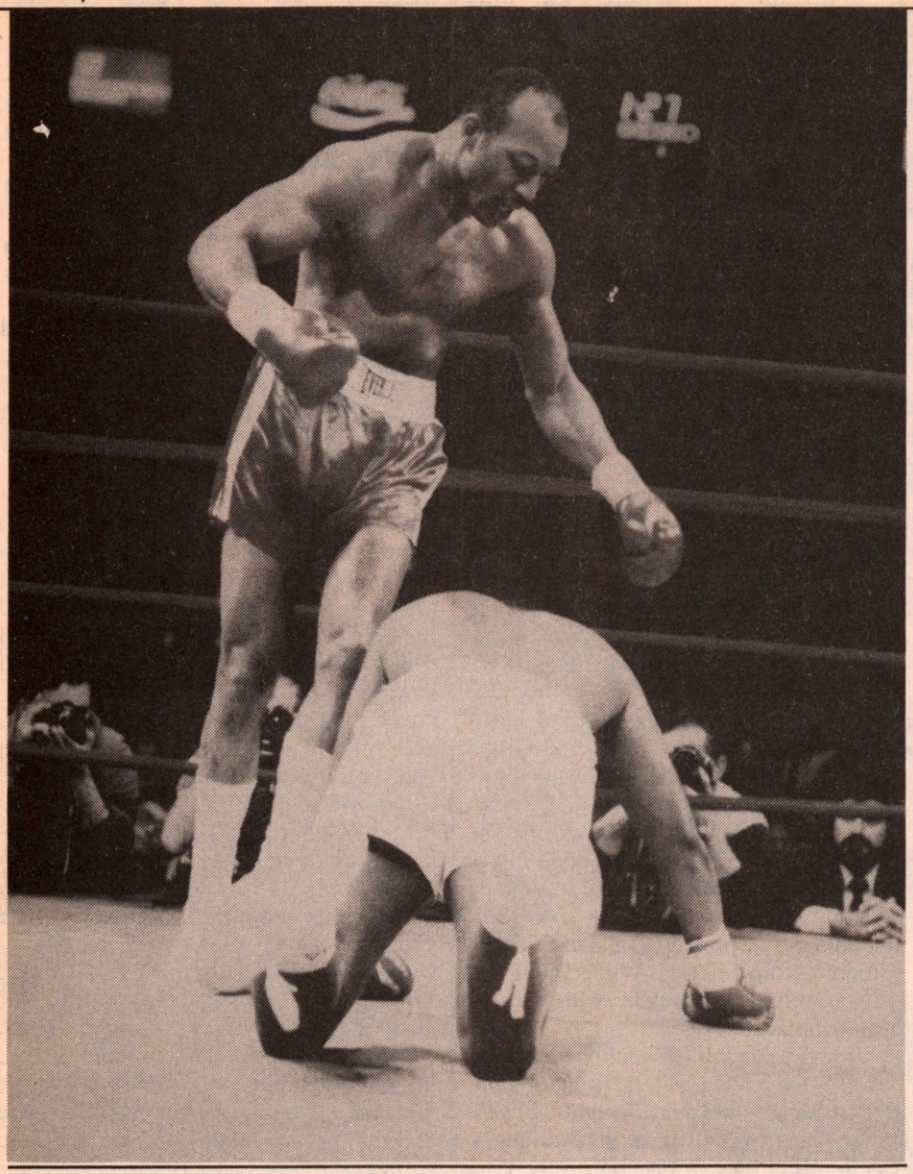
Bonecrusher was not to be denied. He knew he had his man going and let fly with one shot after another, dropping Witherspoon for the first "official" knockdown with a left hook to the head. Tim scrambled up at the count of four, his mouth hanging open, a look of utter disbelief on his face. Was this the same man he'd outpointed with ease less than two years ago?

It wasn't long before a chopping right to the head had Witherspoon on the deck again. He quickly regained his feet and spat out a bloody tooth before turning to face his tormentor again.

By then, Witherspoon seemed to have no resistance to Smith's punches, his equilibrium completely scrambled. He tried to hold, but it was no use; Bonecrusher was having none of it. A few more potent whacks from Smith's right hand and Witherspoon was down again. As the "three knockdown" rule was in effect, Rivera had no alternative but to stop the fight. Even if the rule had been waived, as if often the case in world title fights, it is doubtful that Tim would have lasted the 48 remaining seconds.

Witherspoon and his trainer, Slim Jim Robinson, spent the majority of their time at the post-fight press conference singing the blues.

Smith sidesteps Witherspoon as the defending champion visits the canvas for the second time. Once Bonecrusher connected with his first overhand right, the fight was all but over. Witherspoon never recovered.



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"I blame Don King and Carl King," said Robinson. "This boy (Witherspoon) should not have fought tonight."

"I'd like to say I really wasn't into this fight," said Witherspoon, who saw his pro record drop to 25-3 (17 kayoes). "I was under a lot of pressure. Bonecrusher hit me a good shot. I don't want to take anything away from him. But I just wasn't in it."

While Witherspoon's charge of "conflict of interest" levelled at Carl holds some merit, it should be noted that Tim entered into the contract with both eyes open. Nobody twisted his arm. It hasn't been all a one-way street. Witherspoon won both the WBC and WBA titles under Carl's management. It should also be remembered that Don went to bat for the Philadelphian when the WBA wanted to strip him of the title when his urine came up dirty following the Tubbs fight.

While one wiseguy commented that "all of King's horses and all of King's men couldn't put Witherspoon back together again," Tim still has hopes of salvaging his career.

"This will be a good start, in a way," said the sad-eyed ex-champion. "I'll find good managers who have my interest at heart, and I'll be an independent guy like Mike Tyson."

For Bonecrusher, who raised his stats to 19-5 with 14 kayoes, the immediate future is much more promising. His punching ability has always made him popular with the fans and most of the pitifully small crowd of 5,024 at MSG seemed pleased with his surprising success. HBO should also be happy. Smith makes a far more interesting adversary for Tyson than Witherspoon and Tubbs put together.

"Mike Tyson? I guess I fight him in March now, huh? Well, Mike Tyson is very strong and tough," said Smith. "But I don't think he's been in there with a hitter before. It will be a bang, bang, great fight."

It should also be a short one. Tyson's handspeed is far superior to Smith's. He's likely to beat Bonecrusher to the punch, leading to another quick blitz similar to the Trevor Berbick blowout. On the other hand, knowing Smith's history of running out of steam in the late rounds, Mike might temper his attack a bit and wait for Bonecrusher to blow *himself* out a tad before going for the kill.

Of course, there is also another possible scenario. What if the unthinkable happens? What if Bonecrusher lands one—even a lucky one? Remember, Witherspoon had never been off his feet in a pro fight before Smith lowered the boom. No man is immune if the right punch lands in the right place—not even Mike Tyson. And that, boxing fans, is what makes the upcoming clash between the WBA and WBC champions an event worth looking forward to.

Bombs away! □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF JAMES (BONECRUSHER) SMITH

Magnolia, N.C. heavyweight
Born: April 3, 1955
Manager: Alan Kornberg and Steve Nelson
Trainer: Emile Griffith

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1981		
Nov. 4	James Broad	Atlantic City	KO by 4
	1982		
Jan. 30	Rickey Parkey	Knoxville, Tenn.	W 6
Apr. 23	Mike Cohen	Charleston, N.C.	KO 2
July 31	Lou Alexander	Atlantic City	KO 2
Sept. 11	Chris McDonald	Atlantic City	W 8
Oct. 16	Lonnie Chapman	Charlotte, N.C.	KO 2
Dec. 14	Larry Givens	Atlantic City	KO 3
	1983		
Apr. 3	Nate Robinson	Lancaster, Pa.	KO 2
Apr. 23	Sugar Lee Cohen	New York	KO 2
May 10	Linwood Jones	Atlantic City	KO 2
June 14	Eugene Cato	Charleston, N.C.	KO 4
Aug. 23	Walter Santemore	Atlantic City	KO 4
Nov. 4	Leory Boone	Tampa	KO 5
	1984		
Feb. 10	Ben Griffin	Tampa	KO 5
May 13	Frank Bruno	London	KO 10
Nov. 9	Larry Holmes (IBF heavyweight title)	Las Vegas	KO by 12
	1985		
Mar. 15	Tony Tubbs	Las Vegas	L 10
Apr. 29	Jose Ribalta	Buffalo	W 10
June 15	Tim Witherspoon (NABF heavyweight title)	Las Vegas	L 12
	1986		
Feb. 23	Marvis Frazier	Richmond, Calif.	L 12
Apr. 5	Mike Weaver	Latham, N.Y.	KO 1
June 7	Jesse Ferguson	Bermuda	W 10
Aug. 23	David Bey	Fayetteville, NC	W 10
Dec. 12	Tim Witherspoon (WBA heavyweight title)	New York	KO 1

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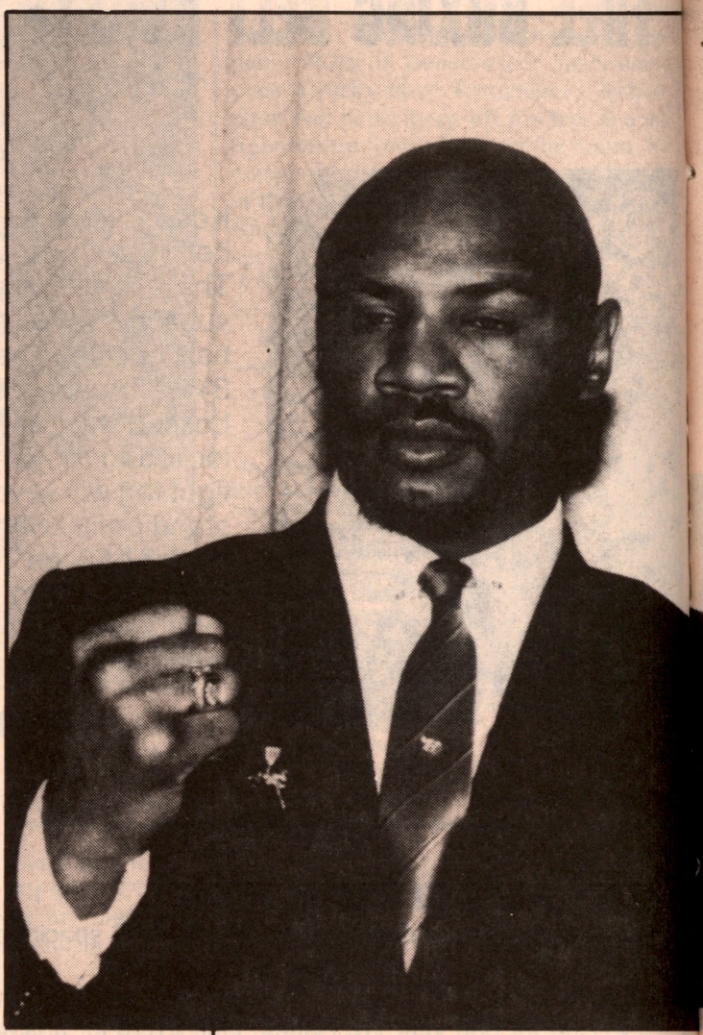

Editor-In-Chief Goes Beyond The Call Of Duty In Effort To Predict Outcome Of Long Awaited Showdown

by Nigel Collins

IT HAD BEEN A HARD DAY AT THE OFfice. Your weary editor had spent a good portion of the afternoon on the telephone surveying fighters and "fight people" for their predictions on the outcome of the upcoming Marvelous Marvin Hagler—Sugar Ray Leonard fight. Though the majority are going with Hagler, as with most good matches, there are enough Leonard supporters around to allow for spirited debate. After a while, my mind began to spin with contradictory conclusions.

What seemed to be a fairly straightforward proposition when the match was first announced (Hagler will murder him), had, over the agonizingly prolonged negotiations and build-up, turned into a muddled uncertainty. That's the trouble with analyzing the big ones: by fight time, you've absorbed so much hype, suffered so many opinions, you can hardly think straight.

As is sometimes the case when my circuits start to overload, I dropped by my favorite watering hole on the way home from work for a spot of good cheer and a much needed dose of old-fashioned common sense. If anybody could set my mind straight about Hagler and Leonard, it would be our old friends, Benny the bartender and his fiesty nemesis and faithful patron, South Street Slim.

Slim, a numbers runner and small-time bookie, keeps office hours at the bar and can usually be counted on to back his opinions with a bankroll the size of Sonny Liston's fist. Benny, a walking, talking, drink-pouring sports encyclopedia, would probably own the bar by now if he could resist putting his money where his mouth is. As luck would have it, there was a vacant stool next to Slim and I sidled aboard just in time to hear the opening salvo of their ongoing battle over the merits, or lack thereof, of the undisputed middleweight champion.

I turned on my pocket tape recorder and ordered a sarsaparilla.

"I told you Hagler was ready for the retirement home," needled Slim. "Mugabi almost put him away a couple of times, and look what kind of animal the big, bad 'Beast' turned out to be—a dog."

"If I remember correctly, you picked Mugabi to beat Hagler," replied Benny, not even trying to supress his growing smirk. "Hagler took everything out of him. That's why he quit against Duane Thomas."

"Once a dog, always a dog, as far as I'm concerned," said Slim. "But that doesn't alter the fact that Mugabi gave Hagler the toughest fight of his career. Face it Benny, your hero is slowing down—fast."

"Oh, I'll confess Marvin might have slowed down half a step or so, but he's still way too much of a man for a fancy pants like Leonard."

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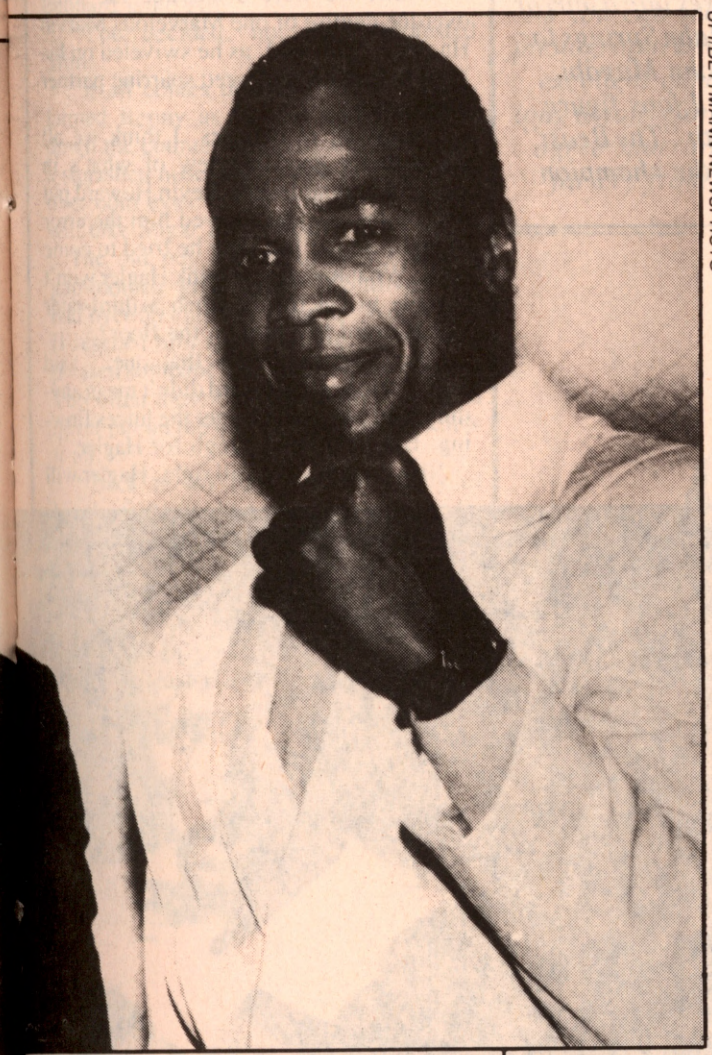

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crap again," said Slim, rising to the bait. "You could never see past the image, could you? Even when Sugar Ray beat Duran in their rematch and clobbered Hearns, you refused to admit just how special he is. You're blinded by your prejudices. You can't see how a man can be a great fighter . . . and pretty. You didn't even like Ali until he was over the hill."

"Now wait a minute," cautioned Benny, laughing and throwing up his pudgy hands in mock protest. "Let's not drag Ali into this. Leonard is not Ali. And he's not Sugar Ray Robinson, either. That's where you make your big mistake. As good as he is, Leonard's been overrated by the media and suckers like you."

"Don't be calling me no sucker," said Slim, feinting a playful left hook at Benny's ample belly. "Fill up my glass and tell me how you think old baldy is gonna get close enough to Sugar to lay a glove on him. My brother-in-law was at Leonard's camp the other week and he told me Ray was moving around that ring so fast he looked like he was on roller skates. He'll have Hagler so frustrated from fanning the breeze Marvin just might pull a 'no mas'."

"Get outa here. Hagler wouldn't quit if both his eyeballs were hanging out of their sockets and both arms were broken at the elbows," replied Benny, the veins in his neck starting to bulge a little as he yelled to be heard above the barroom racket. "Duran is a bully with a bully's mentality. Hagler is a different breed. A real fighter, a warrior, a throwback to a time when real men fought to live and lived to fight."

"Now don't go waxing poetic on me," said Slim. "You know your blood pressure skyrockets when you get emotional."

"You're right," sighed Benny. "I've got to stay calm if I want to live long enough to see Leonard get that smart-assed grin wiped off his cute little puss."

"That's another one of your problems," agreed Slim. "You take it too seriously. Look, I stand to lose thousands if Hagler wins, and I'm not getting my bowels in an uproar. You've got to stand back and look at things objectively."

"I know, I know. It's just that I've been following Hagler for years, ever since he beat all those killers in Philly. He's never let me down and I don't believe he will now."

"It's not a matter of letting anybody down, my man. It's a matter of growing old," said Slim, taking a drag on his Kool. "A lot of people forget that Sugar Ray is actually younger than Hagler. He's also fresher, hasn't taken all the wear and tear Marvin has."

"Fresh? That's a good one. I'd call it rust," said Benny. "I don't care what you say, Leonard's been out of action too long to be anywhere near his best. He might look sharp in the gym, but it's not the same as a real fight. Ray's a guy who always relied on his legs to get him out of trouble. After sampling a few of Hagler's body shots he'll feel like he's axle-deep in quicksand. By the fifth round, he'll wish he was safely back behind the microphone, shilling for HBO."

"Hagler isn't exactly a cheetah, you know. Even a half-speed Leonard will dance circles around him."

"Oh, he can out-dance Marvin," coun-

tered Benny. "But this isn't Soul Train, it's a fight."

"This stuff is getting us nowhere. Let me tell you exactly how Sugar Ray is gonna take care of your precious Marvelous Marvin," said Slim, as he leaned forward and spoke in a low, conspiratorial tone. "Ray's gonna cut him to ribbons. Hagler busts open like a ripe tomato every time he fights. His other opponents have just been too stupid to take advantage of it, but Leonard is not only one of the most intelligent fighters to ever lace on a glove, he's a real sharpshooter. When Sugar Ray is finished with him, Hagler will look like a poster boy for the AMA's anti-boxing campaign."

Figuring he'd finally settled the dispute once and for all with this last volley, Slim leaned back on his stool and finished his drink. What more could he say?

But Benny looked far from convinced.

"I've got to serve some customers on the other side of the bar," he said. "But when I get back, I'll remind you about some of the facts of life you seem to be conveniently forgetting."

"You fellows ever agree on a fight," I asked Slim as Benny busied himself hustling up four Buds, two shots of Jack Daniels, and a rum and Coke.

"Not since Joe Louis was on his bum-of-the-month tour," said Slim with a chuckle. "Naw, to tell you the truth, half the time I pick the other guy just to get him started. Benny normally knows what he's talking about, but don't tell him I said so."

Always in top shape, Hagler shadow boxes into a mirror while training in Palm Springs for his fight with John Mugabi. Many of Leonard fans figure Marvin's battle with "The Beast" took a lot out of the champion.

"So actually, you think Hagler is gonna win."

"No way, man. This time we disagree for real. I plan to clean up betting Leonard at 3 to 1. And some of it's gonna be Benny's money. He wears his heart on his sleeve when it comes to Hagler. But I guess I feel the same way about Sugar. I've had my eye on him since before Montreal. Shush, here he comes."

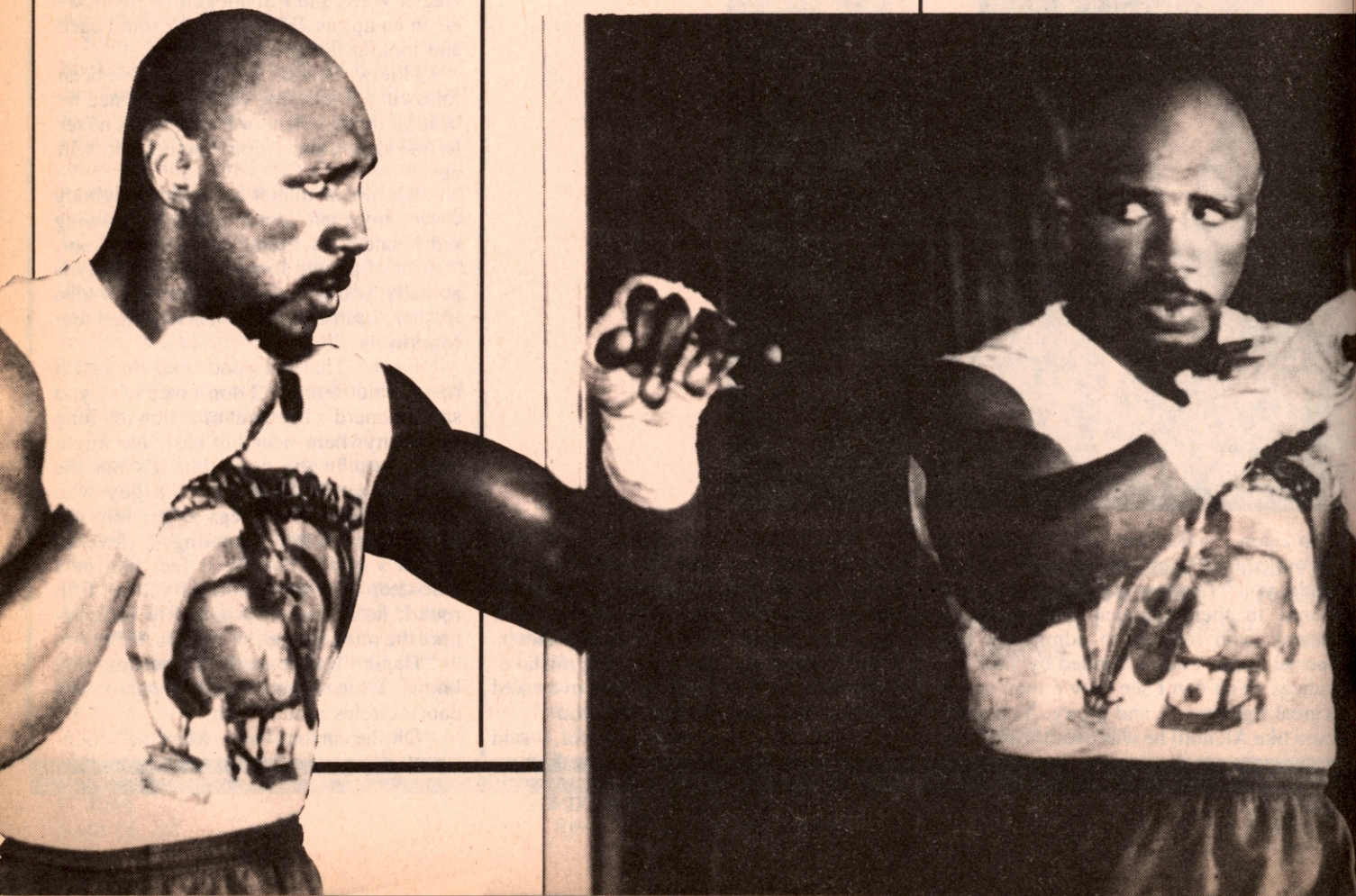
"This guy been talking about me?" said Benny as he rejoined the conversation just in time to hear the tail end of Slims' remark.

"Naw, we were discussing the long-overdue demise of one Marvelous Marvin Hagler." Slim said, as he swiveled on his stool to face his red-faced sparring partner once again.

"Speaking of demises, I think we all got a pretty good preview of what's in store for Leonard when Kevin Howard put him on his ass and showed him the error of his ways the last time he tried to come back. What makes you think Hagler won't be able to catch him when a third-rater like Howard had him on the floor?

"Ray wasn't up for that one," said Slim. "He knew Howard didn't mean anything and just couldn't get the juices flowing. But he'll be sky high for Hagler."

"He'll be sky high all right. Hagler will



hit Leonard so hard he'll probably put his head in orbit."

"You know Benny, if we were talking about a normal fighter I might agree with you," Slim conceded. "But Leonard is one in a million, just like Ali. And like Ali when he returned after his exile, Ray is gonna shock everybody with how much he's got left."

"Yeah, but remember Ali had a couple of tune-ups against Quarry and Bonavena before going after Frazier . . . and he still lost. Leonard is coming in cold. And besides, I thought we already decided that Leonard is no Ali."

"You decided, not me," protested Slim.

"It all comes down to desire," proclaimed Benny as he slid a mug of beer down the counter to a wiry old dude with a squashed nose and a ridge of scar tissue over both eyes. "Tell 'em Lefty. Hagler will take Sugar Ray's heart, won't he."

The old pug looked up and smiled a gap-toothed grin. Lefty O'Sullivan had had over 50 club fights before World War II rescued him from the ring. He seemed pleased someone had solicited his opinion. Too often these days, wiseguys who had never put on the gloves thought they knew it all.

"Back in my day, we had plenty of tough fighters like Hagler—guys who worked their way up through the smokers and small clubs until they'd learned their trade," began Lefty. "Today, it's 20 setups, less if you're an Olympic champion, and then you get a title shot. It's a joke. At least Hagler has paid his dues, knows what it takes to struggle. Leonard has had everything handed to him on a silver platter. Benny is right. Hagler is too much of a man for Leonard."

"Hey, wait a minute," stammered Slim. "You're stacking the deck on me. But that's all right. There's plenty of other Leonard fans here. Mable, come over here a second, will you, honey."

"Who you calling honey?" said the waitress as she paused beside Slim, a tray of drinks balanced on the tips of her upturned fingers.

"Don't get huffy, Mable. Just tell these gents who's going to win the Leonard-Hagler fight."

"I know one thing: Hagler better not put a mark on that pretty face or he'll have me to settle with," said Mable firmly. "But I'm not worried. Ray is too slick for that nasty old monster. No wonder Hagler's wife wanted him to retire. She couldn't stand the thought of him getting any uglier."

"This ain't a beauty contest, folks," reminded Benny. "This, as Marvin says, is war!"

By then I was more confused than when I arrived. And it wasn't the sarsaparilla that had me befuddled. There was just as much disagreement between Benny and his customers as among the members of the fight fraternity. I decided it was time to amble on home. Maybe a good night's sleep would help.

It didn't.

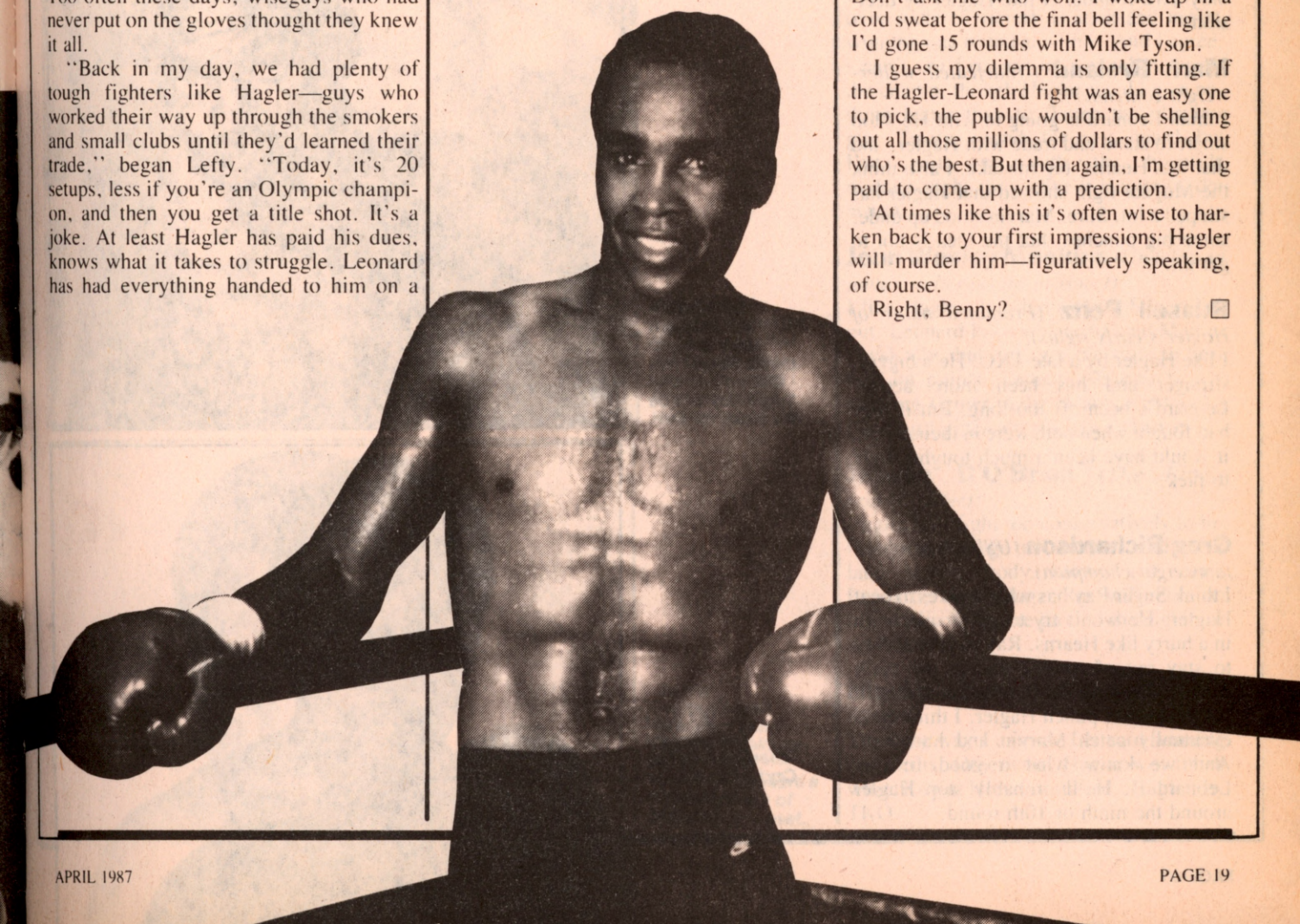
I dreamt about a championship fight in Las Vegas, but instead of Hagler and Leonard punching it out, the opponents looked an awful lot like Benny and Slim. Don't ask me who won. I woke up in a cold sweat before the final bell feeling like I'd gone 15 rounds with Mike Tyson.

I guess my dilemma is only fitting. If the Hagler-Leonard fight was an easy one to pick, the public wouldn't be shelling out all those millions of dollars to find out who's the best. But then again, I'm getting paid to come up with a prediction.

At times like this it's often wise to harken back to your first impressions: Hagler will murder him—figuratively speaking, of course.

Right, Benny? □

As you can see from this recent photograph, Leonard has stayed in excellent condition during his long layoff. However, most experts agree sparring in the gym is a far cry from actual combat.



PUNCH COUNTER PUNCH

Each month, in an effort to stimulate creative debate, *RING* Magazine will ask a cross section of boxing people a provocative question. We will publish their thoughts, giving you a wide range of views, half-views and even a few half-baked views.

Who do you think will win the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard bout?

Buster Drayton *(IBF junior middleweight champion and former Hagler sparring partner):*
Leonard is a great fighter but I think he's in over his head this time. He's slick and clever, but the long layoff will be a big factor. He should have taken at least one tune-up fight to adjust to taking punches again. Sparring in the gym just isn't the same as fighting Marvin Hagler. I don't think Leonard has the drive that Marvin has. If it had been scheduled for 15 rounds I think Marvin would stop him, but as it's only a 12-rounder, I like Hagler by decision.

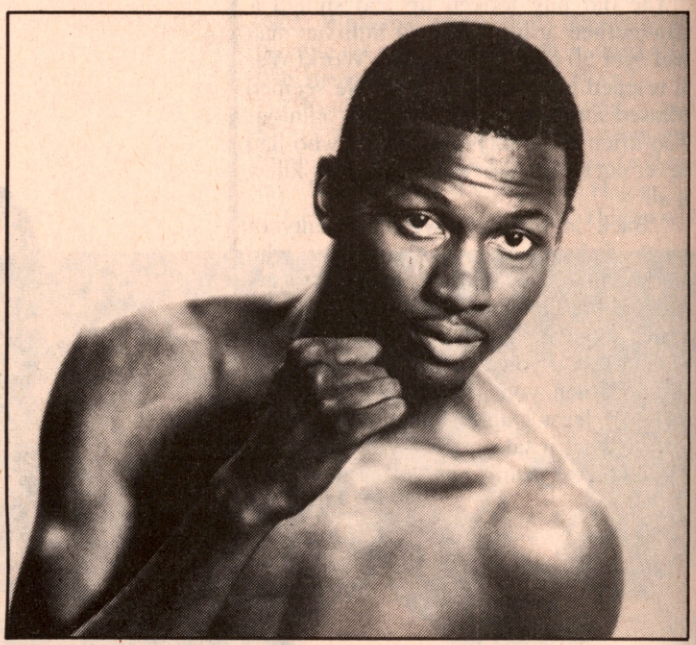
Mark Breland *(Undefeated welterweight contender):*
I think Leonard is going to win. He's too smart to stand and trade with Hagler, and that was Hearns' big mistake. I also think the Mugabi fight showed that Hagler has slipped a lot. Sure, Marvin stood up under some big punches, but the idea is not to get hit.

Russell Peltz *(Promoted many of Hagler's early fights):*
I like Hagler by a late TKO. He's bigger, stronger and has been more active. Leonard's been off too long. But if they had fought when both were in their prime, it would have been a much tougher fight to pick.

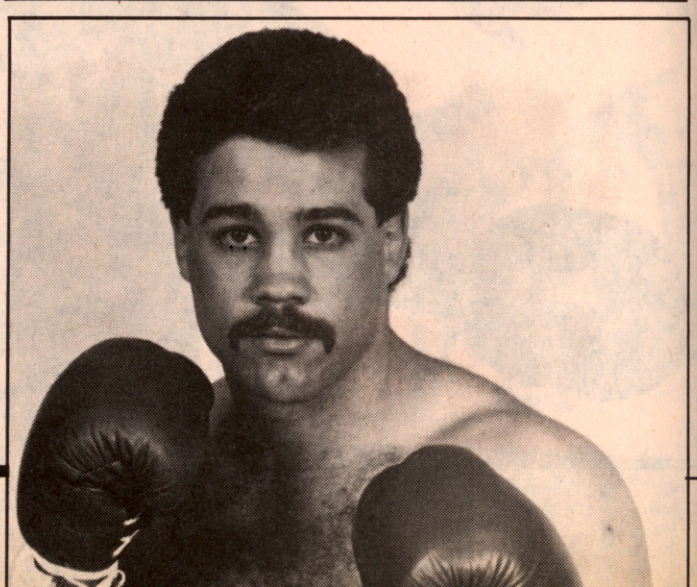
Greg Richardson *(USBA super bantamweight champion):*
I think Sugar Ray has what it takes to beat Hagler. He won't try to get it over with in a hurry like Hearns. Ray has the ability to stay out of trouble during the early rounds. Then, in the middle rounds, he'll start to sucker punch Hagler. I think he'll eventually catch Marvin and hurt him. And we know what a good finisher Leonard is. He'll probably stop Hagler around the ninth or 10th round.

Wes Moon *(Boxing writer, **Asbury Park Press**):*
Hagler will probably take him out in about six rounds. Though Leonard is a great fighter, you can't lay off for so long and still be ring sharp.

Barney Nagler *(Columnist for the **Daily Racing Form** and president of the Boxing Writers Association of America):*
Although he's not the Hagler of two years ago, at least Marvin has been active. Leonard, on the other hand, has been on vacation for the past four years and is ignoring the optometrical consideration. Leonard can't be as good as he used to



Undefeated welterweight Mark Breland thinks Hagler has slipped and that Sugar Ray will be too smart for him.



IBF light heavyweight champion Bobby Czyz picks Hagler to outpoint Leonard.

be, and that was very good. Hagler should win by a knockout around the 10th round.

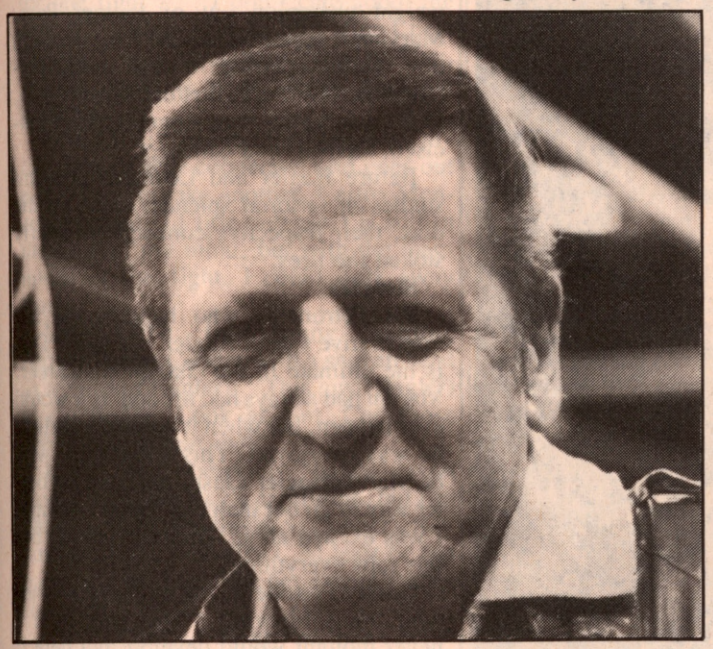
Steve Farhood *(Sports Channel boxing analyst):*
I like Hagler because Leonard is not a genuine middleweight. That and the long layoff will result in a kayo victory for Hagler.

Howard Cosell *(Remember him?):*
Hagler's skills have materially eroded. He could barely beat a washed-up Roberto Duran. His victory over Hearns means little. Hearns fights with his left hand down. A right lead can knock him out with no trouble. The left hand down by the side is the fatal flaw of all fighters trained by Emanuel Steward. So I don't look at the Hagler victory over Hearns as anything meaningful. I think Ray has a good chance to win.

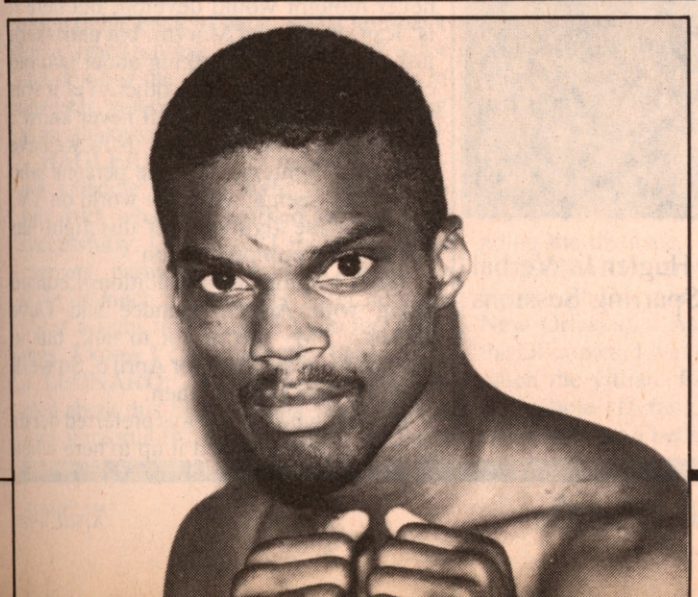
Bobby Czyz *(IBF light heavyweight champion):*
Leonard could make Hagler look bad for a while, but I don't know how long he can do it. Hagler has the overall hunger and his full-fledged middleweight body could make the difference. I call it for Hagler by a decision.

Al Bernstein *(ESPN boxing announcer):*
Marvin turned the Hearns fight into a street brawl and I see no reason why he won't do the same with Leonard. I see him using elbows, his head, low blows and waging war. Leonard will try to avoid it, but I don't think he can. I say Hagler by a TKO.

Dan Duva *(Promoter of Leonard-Hearns):*
Logic says Ray Leonard has no chance, but against my better judgment, I say Sugar Ray will win. He'll do it by outboxing Hagler, by frustrating him and by intimidating Hagler. Intimidating him into being afraid he's gonna lose. I believe Sugar Ray will go into the fight cocky and relaxed, with nothing to lose. Hagler has everything to lose, everything he's worked for all his life. And I think that'll play heavy on his mind. Hagler has a tremendous insecurity about his place in boxing history.



Jack Welsh, THE RING's man in Vegas, is another expert picking Hagler to retain the undisputed middleweight title.



Junior welterweight prospect John Wesley Meekings likes Hagler, but gives Leonard a good chance of scoring an upset.

Charlie Spina *(Boxing judge and contributing editor to* ***The Ring****):*
I like Hagler by a late knockout. Leonard is coming back because he still has boxing in his blood and needs this to feed his ego (the money's not bad either), but I don't think he's got enough left to beat a guy like Hagler.

Jack Welsh *(*The Ring*'s Las Vegas Bureau Chief):*
This is a very tough fight to pick. It's a shame Leonard couldn't have continued fighting his way to a prime time showdown with Hagler. One fight in five years really bugs me despite Ray's great skills, solid jaw, fast hands and improvisation under pressure. As Ray himself says, the only route to victory is stick and move, winning one round at a time. And I agree. I can't see Leonard in a punch-out with the champ, though Hagler would love nothing better than to flatten the glamour guy. Twelve rounds favors Leonard, but I've gotta go with the bonafide middleweight. So, make it Hagler by decision.

John Wesley Meekins *(Undefeated junior welterweight prospect):*
I like Hagler, but don't count Sugar Ray out. Leonard knows he can't beat Marvin physically, but he's got the style to beat him on points. Leonard showed he's a thinking fighter in the Hearns fight and a thinking fighter always has a chance.

Joseph D'O'Brian *(*The Ring*'s senior writer):*
Hagler will fight too conservatively to inflict great damage on Leonard, but he will land severe body blows and close Leonard's eyes. Sugar Ray will retire on his stool somewhere around the eighth or ninth round.

Nigel Collins *(Editor-In-Chief,* ***The Ring****):*
The only way I can see Leonard winning is on cuts. Otherwise, Hagler will finish what Kevin Howard started. Hagler by TKO.

WAR OF WORDS

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Marvelous Marvin Hagler (left) never had any trouble going the distance in the past, but he quit a 12-city promotional tour after only nine stops. Has Leonard's verbal wizardry spooked the undisputed middleweight champion?

Leonard Edges Hagler In Verbal Sparring Sessions

IT WASN'T QUITE "NO MAS, NO MAS," but Marvelous Marvin Hagler decided before Christmas he couldn't go the distance with Sugar Ray Leonard in their projected 12-city media tour to create words and music for the mega-million dollar showdown at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas April 6. In effect, the 32-year-old world middle weight champion told promoting Top Rank, Inc. to "take this job and stuff it" before heading back to the family hearth in Brockton, Massachusetts.

"Marvin called off the remainder of the tour all by himself," explained Bob Arum, Top Rank board chairman. "We didn't try to reschedule the other cities because Hagler made it clear he had had it with travelling and wasn't going to do it."

Unofficially, Leonard, 29, unretiring world welterweight king and abdicated World Boxing Association junior middle weight champion out of Palmer Park, Maryland, appeared headed for a decision after verbal sparring in such metro precincts as New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit, and Chicago.

Before Hagler and Leonard, constant studies in sartorial splender, rose on the dias, their respective connections briefly stoked the fires.

Samples:

Pat Petronelli, who handles the administrative side of Hagler's career: "This is the ultimate in the champion's career. Marvin had always had his doubts it would ever happen, but when it became a reality, he was overjoyed. This could very well be Marvin Hagler's last fight, so what better way to go out than this fight? I thought I was excited about Thomas Hearns, but this tops everything."

Goody Petronelli, the ex-Navy brother who trains Marvin,: "This is a fight I never thought would develop, but here it is. Ray challenged Marvin, but until then, just the public was talking about two old champions beating each other. Yet it was with resignation that 'we'll never know'. I know that's the way I felt. Now we have two great fighters, two fine persons who have been seen all over the world on TV. Not only the fighters, but this fight has Pat and me pumped up too."

Janks Morton, who conditions Leonard along with Angelo Dundee and Dave Jacobs,: "My job is not to talk, but to have Sugar Ray ready for April 6. So we'll be ready and see you then."

Hagler, who has always preferred deeds to verbs, probably had it up to here when

he heard the following dialogue repeated again and again and again and again and again:

LEONARD: "To be in the ring with the Marvelous One here is a great honor because I've analyzed Marvin through the years, watched him totally demolish opponents. He's been invincible. But Marvin is an excellent speaker, too. Hagler can smile . . . if he wants to smile, he can. But he won't smile for you (media) here today."

HAGLER: "It will be a fight of skill . . . everything boxing stands for. One that will bring people together, all races and creeds. Arum has been with us (including managers Pat and Goody Petronelli) and now I am helping him earn a big pay day too . . . "

LEONARD: "When people ask me why I took this fight, I tell them I took it because Hagler is the best. But it's only for one fight . . . I don't care about the belt. I'll give it back to him after I beat Marvin. I've been training since last May, but the intensive work started after the holidays."

HAGLER: "Maybe this won't be my last fight. If Ray cooperates and goes out early, I might take another. Carlos Monzon's record (14 title defenses) is still in the back of my mind, but with the magnitude of this fight, I could walk away happy."

LEONARD: (introducing sparring partner Duane Cooper with a shaven head as a clone of Hagler): "This guy (Hagler) is my buddy. Look at him. Can those cubby cheeks hurt me?"

HAGLER: (shaking hands with Cooper): "I like Ray's exhibition, but I'm better looking than this guy (Cooper). Ray sounds like he's on HBO. At least he has a job, and he'll be there permanently after this fight."

LEONARD: "Hagler's had some tough fights back to back, so he laid back for a year, talking about being an actor and doing some TV commercials. But in one year, you deviate from your beginning as an athlete and it's hard to comeback."

HAGLER: "I won't change my training schedule for this fight, preferring to stay with what has worked for me very successfully. Of course, I'll change some sparring partners to imitate Leonard's style as much as possible. I get nervous about a fight in Vegas, the strange judgings, I know I can't take any chances."

LEONARD: "People are so opinionated about this fight. Hagler feels it gives him immortality. But this fight means a lot to me, more to me to win than it does to Hagler. And I give him every respect because he is one of the few champions that really loves that (championship) belt."

HAGLER: "This fight is the heighth not only of my career, but also in the Petronellis' career. As for the layoff, my mind needed to rest as much as my body. But I'm ready now. Ray says he'll use strategy, but I'll do the punching."

LEONARD: "My family supports me. They are with me 100 percent."

HAGLER: "My wife, Bertha, my mother, my grandmother are 100 percent for me because they know Leonard will create no threat for me."

LEONARD: "As for the purse negotiations, I said 'Give me what I ask for'. I feel I'll make more than Hagler when all the receipts are in."

HAGLER: "This is nothing personal against Leonard. I want him to keep hoping . . . that's why I let him talk. The layoff will be a factor, but not that much. Ray's trying to kill me with that friendship stuff. But I'd enjoy hurting him . . . I'd like to stop his showboating. You must be calculating every second in the ring. If Ray thinks it's going to be fun, he'll wish he'd never ever thought about this fight."

LEONARD: "As for this media tour is concerned, it's part of the business. I like to be on time for conferences, sometimes Marvin is late. When he was late in Boston, I took him aside and said, 'Let's be practical, get in and get out, get it over with and go on our way.' Hagler apologized and he hasn't been late since."

HAGLER: "Leonard has his weaknesses, I won't go into all of them here, but when the crowd is not on his side, he gets a little nervous."

LEONARD (reacting to the WBC's 12-round title limit): "Hagler's getting all the money, so I said, 'Give me something.' I wanted 12 rounds for psychological reasons. The Robert Duran fight (with Hagler) was an example. It didn't look that close, but the way the judges saw it, Hagler had to win the 14th and 15th rounds to keep his title."

HAGLER: "I'm not worried about the rounds because this fight definitely isn't going the distance."

LEONARD: (reflecting on his two fights with Duran in 1980 in Montreal and New Orleans): "As an American out of the Olympics, I was the hero, Duran pretty much the villian. But I was subjected to an asshole (Duran), and it was a lesson that made me a better fighter. He insulted me, my wife (Juanita), he gave me the finger. When I got into the ring (June 20, 1980) I wanted to beat him at his own game, meaning to outmacho him. It ruined my game plan in a close fight. Down in New Orleans, it was a different fight. I had his mind, but someday I'd like to know why he quit in the eighth round. Maybe Duran doesn't know himself."

HAGLER: "I'm not concerned about Leonard's left eye (where a detached retina was corrected in May of 1982, prompting his retirement six months later) because once Ray signed for this fight, the possible injury responsibility was no longer on my shoulders. If I can knock him out, I'm sure as hell going to do it."

LEONARD: "I wasn't up for the Kevin Howard fight and I could feel it going down the aisle . . . there was no adrenaline, no drive. I wasn't hurt by that flash knockdown in the fourth round, just surprised. But when I looked at the tapes later, I realized I was too critical of myself."

HAGLER: "I'm ready and waiting for anything when the bell rings. Sitting at ringside and thinking what he'd do to me will not be the same for Leonard as being in the ring with me. It doesn't bother me that Leonard's coming out of retirement unranked because in preparing for this fight, I'm putting Ray Leonard on top just like he's the No. 1 contender."

LEONARD: "Hagler will be a physical fight, but it will also be psychological. The key is not to let him get off early like John Mugabi did. You have to take the advantage, winning round by round. Age won't be a factor, but when I see the Petronellis' shaking their hands, I know I'll have Marvin frustrated. And I'll do that by making him miss. Hagler can box and he might want to dance with me."

HAGLER: "I didn't get to Las Vegas in time to see Duane Thomas knock out Mugabi in the third round to win the vacant WBC super welterweight title. I was a little shocked because I thought Mugabi could be a champion against somebody else. It's clear I took more out of him than they'll give me credit for."

LEONARD: "I've worked on and off since May, 1986 and weighed 163 before Christmas. I'll probably be 158 by fight time."

HAGLER: "It's hard getting into shape once you've been out of the ring for any length of time, but I've maintained my weight. Don't forget Leonard's not a natural middleweight." □

—Jack Welsh

A $300 MILLION HAPPENING

The Ring's Las Vegas Bureau Chief Gives You The Latest Odds And Explores The Economic Impact Of The Hagler-Leonard Super Fight

by Jack Welsh

THE SUPER-HYPED ENDEAVORS OF Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard to determine who stands alone as the undisputed world middleweight champion April 6 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas have already generated a mystique transcending a simple fist fight of super stars.

Equalling or surpassing drumbeating as "The Fight of the Century" is almost secondary in consequence to what the heralded combatants have already established as an authentic happening of international proportions.

There is no exaggeration in that statement, considering Top Rank's joint promotion with the Strip's renown citadel of chance sold out 15,400 seats in an outdoor arena four months before the first bell to create a $7.9 million all-time record live gate.

While Bob Arum, Top Rank's board chairman, projected a heady $100 million in the till when all global monies are counted, the more definite assumption is that Hagler and Leonard in the same ring will shatter all standards in cash wagered in Nevada's 34 licensed sports books while lifting this desert oasis' overall economy to a new high.

In previewing the fight's financial trend, *The Ring* learned the most astute linemakers from Las Vegas to Reno-Lake Tahoe foresee a record fight handle of $20 to $25 million while the indirect economic impact in the Valley of the Dollars might exceed $300 million.

Achieving such plateaus will mean Hagler and Leonard, whether they finish 12 full rounds or not, will eclipse the cash flow resulting from the 32-year-old champion's three-round TKO of Thomas Hearns in the same outdoor arena at Caesar's April 15, 1985.

One of boxing's all-time great "short" wars generated upward of $15 million in wagers while the long four-day weekend indirectly enjoyed a volume of $291.4 million in a multiplier effect where the tourist dollar turns over 3.3 times. In straight away dollar for dollar action not including gaming receipts, the public spent $88.3 million before and after Hagler and Hearns argued in perfect weather.

"There's no question about it . . . Hagler and Leonard have the potential to exceed the figure established when Hagler fought Hearns nearly two years ago," said Rossi Ralenkotter, director of tourism for the Las Vegas Convention Visitors Authority. "Beyond the charisma of the fighters, two prime factors are that the city has 4,000 more rooms than we had for the first fight and closed-circuit TV at Caesars Palace and the Showboat Hotel-Casino out on Boulder Highway will guarantee the public at least another 7,000 seats."

Once the contracts were signed guaranteeing Hagler $12 million and Leonard $11 million with both fighters sharing in perks of varying percentages, sports book handicappers immediately installed Hagler as a -$4.00 favorite while the 30-year-old Leonard was the underdog. Early action would give his constituents $3.00 for every buck wagered.

There was a pre-Christmas rush to the betting wickets where the titleholder from Brockton, Mass., without a loss in more than a decade, dropped to -$3.00 with Leonard, coming back from past glories as complete world welterweight champion and abdicated World Boxing Association junior middleweight king, dropping to +$2.00.

If linemakers sometimes disagree about an odds quotation in football and baseball, they are in unison on their opinion Hagler will remain the public's choice no matter how many suitcases full of money are lugged into town.

Lou D'Amico, who manages Caesars' sprawling Olympiad sports book, confirms the wise guys (smart money) will ride with Hagler while the sentimental action belongs to the handsome fistic hero

The main entrance of Caesars Palace, host casino for the Hagler-Leonard fight. Most gaming experts predict a handle of over $20 million to be wagered on the match.

from Palmer Park, Maryland.

"I definitely feel there's a shot at $20 million throughout the state because this is the ultimate, this is the fight the public has been waiting years to see. We've already taken $5,000 action on both sides starting in December," D'Amico said. "Our limit will probably be $20,000, but it could go higher because there will be a lot of action in that category on both sides. Leonard is the people's fighter while Hagler has come up through the ranks and beaten everybody around. The prices will change, maybe several times by fight time, with Hagler probably winding up -$2.00 with Leonard at +$1.50. I don't think it will wind up as a pick 'em fight."

The biggest action on the fight will be recorded hardly a morning walk up the Strip at Little Caesars, an emporium independent of conglomerate hotel-casino finance. Gene Mayday is the proprietor and he asks nor gives no quarter with his patrons.

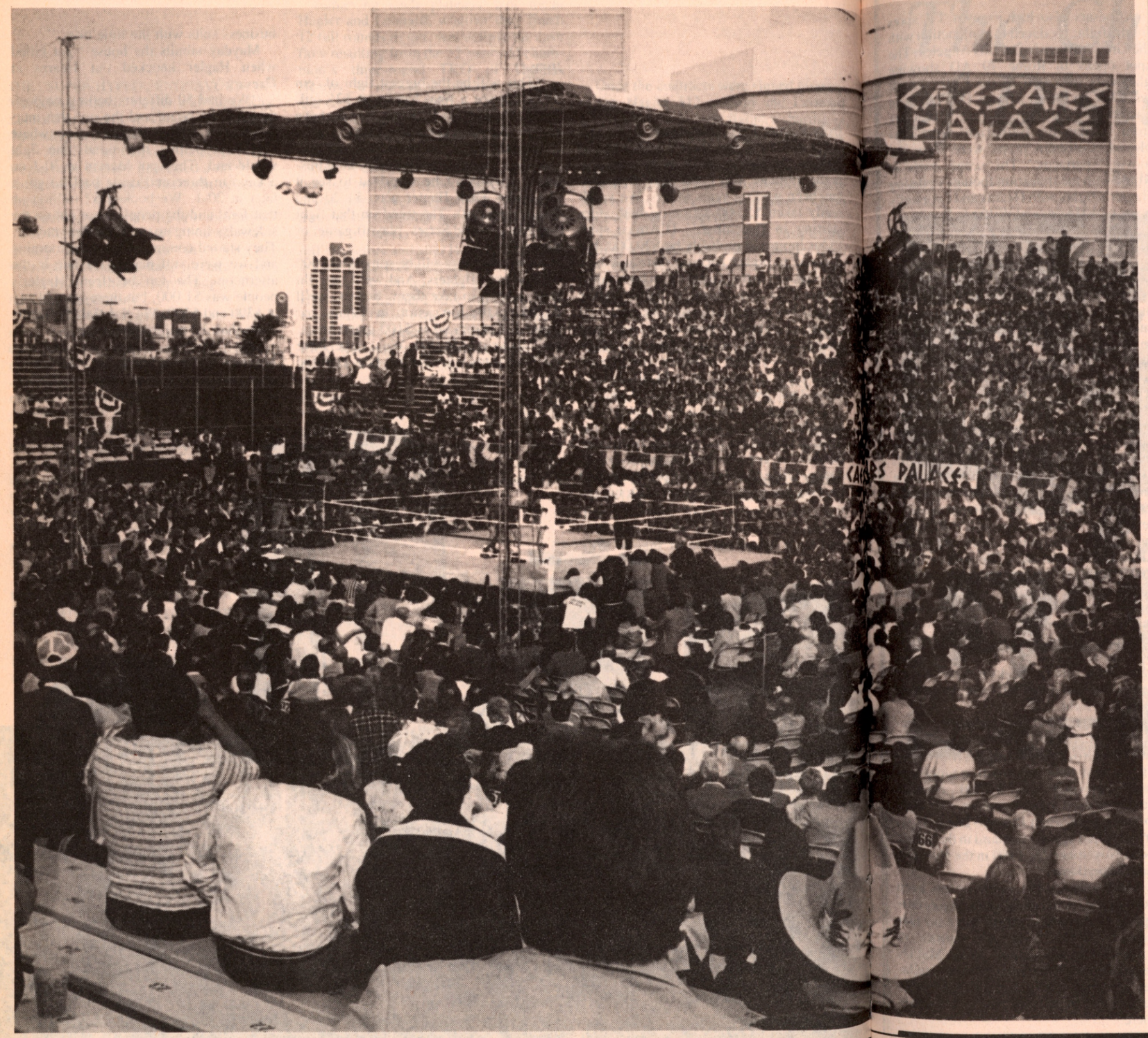
"This will be the biggest fight of 'em all. I can see a final handle of $25 million," Mayday said. "Right now we have Hagler -$2.75, Leonard +$2.25. I want to keep the line close because it will give you three to four times the amount of business. I wouldn't be surprised to see it close like when Hagler was -$1.20 and Hearns +$1.10. The trend on that fight was like a World Series, playoff game, or Super Bowl.

"I'm sure there will be some $100,000 bets on both fighters. And we'll be right here waiting to take them. In fact, we'll be taking the top action in Vegas, bar none. If Caesars takes $100 grand shots, we'll make it $150,000. We'd rather have the blue jeans with the big bets than the business suits with the little ones."

Mayday admits the house "got killed when Hagler knocked out Hearns at Caesars."

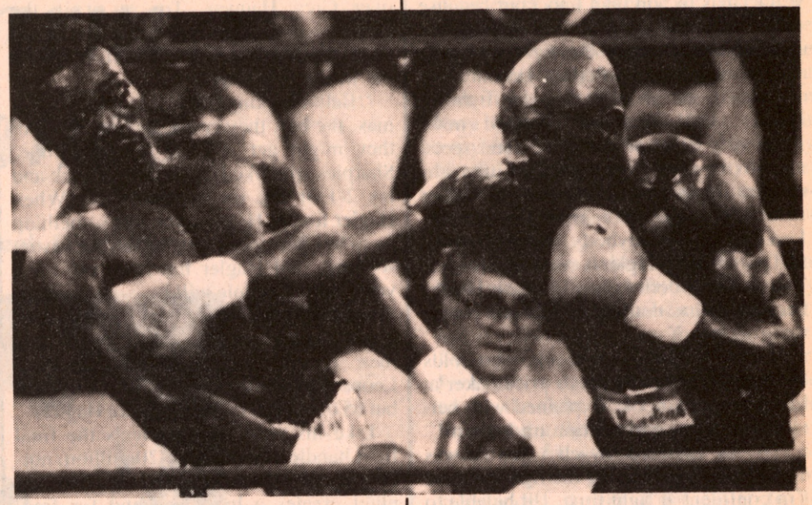
"We had 50 different betting propositions on the board and the one that murdered us was from Hagler's camp where they kept betting the rounds the fight would end. They got Marvin at 30-1 on a kayo in three and came back to get it later at 20-1. We booked $2 million on that fight and the people were out on the sidewalks lining up to collect their money. They started coming early in the morning and we were still paying off late in the afternoon. The top bet from Hagler's people was $1,000, but there were plenty at $300 and $200. We'll definitely handle more than $2 million this time."

Bob Martin, long regarded as America's premier linemaker whose specialties included boxing, baseball, basketball, and football, is now in semi-retirement, but he'll return to his old post at



A shot of the 15,400-seat outdoor arena constructed by Caesars Palace for the big fight. The event was "sold out" four months before the opening bell, guaranteeing a live gate of $7.9 million.

In his last appearance at Caesars, Hagler (right) defended his undisputed middleweight crown with a knockout over John (The Beast) Mugabi. The Marvelous One has never lost a fight in Las Vegas . . . but neither has Leonard.



the downtown Union Plaza Hotel-Casino to create some attractive propositions.

"When the odds are closer on a fight like the 6-5 on Hearns when he lost to Leonard here in 1981, the volume is much bigger. People are reluctant to bet 2½ to 1, but they will go for 7-5. The reason for the point spread in football is like weights in horse racing. It makes football actually an even money bet," Martin advised.

"The 6-A ruling (where a person must show full identification on any bet over $10,000 during any 24-hour period) is a factor in discouraging the big bettor. Unless he has a team of runners and wants to get down for five and six-figured action, he must walk from book to book to find a price he likes. However, there's always a chance he might lose it at the tables along the way. That's the 12th man factor. Remember, casinos don't care how you lose your money as long as you lose it."

Martin, who felt Muhammad Ali challenging Larry Holmes here in October, 1980 was a mismatch even before the 11th round TKO at Caesars, notes Leonard will have had only one fight in five years when he faces Hagler, himself off 13 months since TKOing John "The Beast" Mugabi in 11 rounds on a rainy night at Caesars.

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Jack Franzi, veteran Barbary Coast Hotel-Casino linemaker, forecasts the line rising and falling before finally settling on Hagler as a 2-1 choice.

"The price might go up to 12-5 but Hagler will always be the favorite," Franzi said. "We're taking $10,000 now after starting in the winter at $5,000. There will be plenty of $10,000 bets on both sides, and we might raise the lid to $20,000. This fight breaks all records for sure . . . maybe $20 million in the state. We'll have a lot of propositions.

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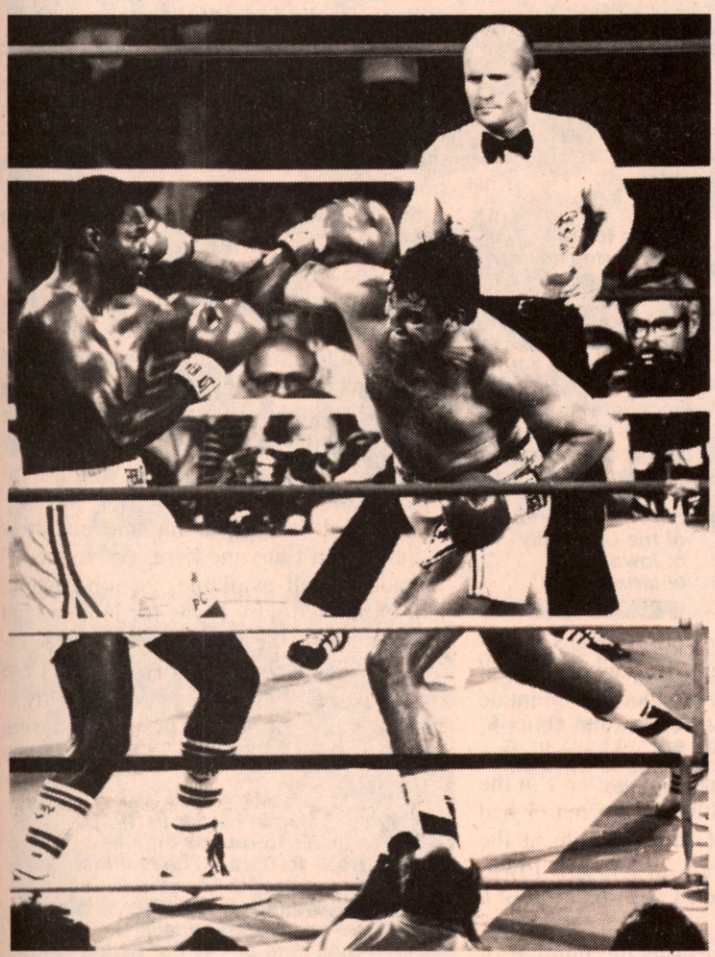


Where were you the night Larry Holmes turned back Gerry Cooney? THE RING's Joe D'O'Brian was in the Cedar Rapids VFW Hall, rooting for Larry despite the fact that practically everyone else in the house was for Gerry.

OKAY, S. RAY LEONARD AND M. Marvin Hagler have signed the papers, and the long-awaited struggle is on. I should be excited. But in fact, I'm having a hard time convincing myself that I should invest in a ticket to the closed-circuit show.

I'm in a sour mood about this fight. I contemplate it with a jaded, cynical scowl, for a variety of pretty good reasons. And the more I think about it, the more I believe that I'm too close to the action to get much enjoyment out of it.

A real Superfight, like this one, or like Ali-Frazier, Ali-Foreman, Holmes-Cooney or Leonard-Hearns, only comes along every two years or so. And somehow, they're all the more special the further you are from the heartbeat of the sport. I always got a lot more enjoyment from fights like this one when I lived in Iowa (which I did until 1983), far, far away from the action, with only a tiny handful of friends who knew anything at all about the Manly Art. There's an innocence that comes with distance that is not to be despised.

In most cases, when one of these fights took place, I was about 60 miles away from the nearest closed-circuit showing, and if I didn't have a car to get me there, I was just out of luck. If I did have a car, I was just so damn grateful for being able to see the fight that I didn't much care how good a fight it was or how much I had to pay for a ticket. There just was no such thing as cynicism under those circumstances: it was a lot easier to be idealistic about the sport.

What would have happened if I'd seen the first Frazier-Ali battle live or on closed circuit? Well, it would still have been a hell of a fight, but I would probably not have been as emotionally involved in it. I'd have sat there biting my nails for the first few rounds, feeling good while Ali piled up the points, then I would have started screaming frustrated curses at him when he began to loaf in the later rounds. I'd have been eating my hankie and turning pale when Frazier pounded on him in the 11th and 12th; I'd have been resigned by the 13th and not too surprised when Frazier knocked my man on his ass in the 15th. I'd have left in an angry mood, cussing Ali for having fooled away the middle rounds, for being rusty, for whatever little mistakes he made. And I'd have enjoyed it, but I'd have been mad about the result instead of sad about it.

As it happened, I was 14 years old, with no car and nowhere near enough money to cover the price of a ticket anyway. So I had to settle for getting 30-second capsule reports of each round as it ended, over the local Top-40 radio station. My brother and I sat on the floor, the radio between us, listening to each bulletin in growing dismay; in between times, I'd pace the floor or nervously scribble moustaches on the pictures in an old magazine to keep my hands busy (I didn't smoke then, unfortunately). I was keeping score as best I could from the reports we were getting, and I had it 7-7 going into the last round. I knew Ali must be exhausted, but the radio man had said he'd won the 14th, so I still held out a faint hope. Then the

This is the way it looked ringside on September 16, 1981 when Sugar Ray Leonard stopped Thomas Hearns in the 14th round of their epic encounter in Las Vegas. Joe D'O'Brian watched the classic via closed-circuit in the unlikely setting of the University of Iowa's entertainment center.

next bulletin came on: "The fight is over at Madison Square Garden, and Joe Frazier . . ." I listened to the report of the last round, but it was anticlimactic. I heard, and I believed, but I sure didn't want to. I literally cried myself to sleep that night, for the record, the first and only time I've ever done so.

Later on, when I had a car and enough money to buy a ticket, I discovered that going to the closed-circuit show can be fun. It's true that nothing beats going to a live card, but there aren't many of those in Iowa. And in the boonies, there's a certain local color to the closed-circuit show.

I saw the Leonard-Hearns bout in Iowa City, my hometown, in the last possible place you'd expect to see a fight. It was in the University of Iowa's entertainment center, a huge, elegant state-of-the-art building with red plush seats and modern paintings on the walls and a stage the size of Rhode Island. The night before, I'd gone there to see the Joffrey Ballet.

As you might imagine, this auditorium was usually attended by local patrons of the arts: ivy-covered professors, gentle-looking white-haired retired deans, comfortably overweight lawyers and businessmen, dreamy-looking female graduate students. Not this night, though. This night, working-class butts sat on those plush seats, and they weren't in the mood for ballet. Although in fact, I had seen quite a few of those people at the ballet the night before. In a bigger town, I imagine you wouldn't see that kind of a crossover.

What surprised me was the number of Hearns fans in the crowd. I'd expected everyone to be rooting for Leonard, since he was adorable and everyone who didn't know anything about boxing had at least heard of Sugar Ray. But that wasn't the case: I'd say at least a third of the crowd was for Hearns. And if you think about it you'll find that that's often the sign of a knowledgeable crowd. If everyone's rooting for the same guy, chances are they don't have a good reason for doing so. Knowledge always leads to differences of opinion, at least where boxing's concerned.

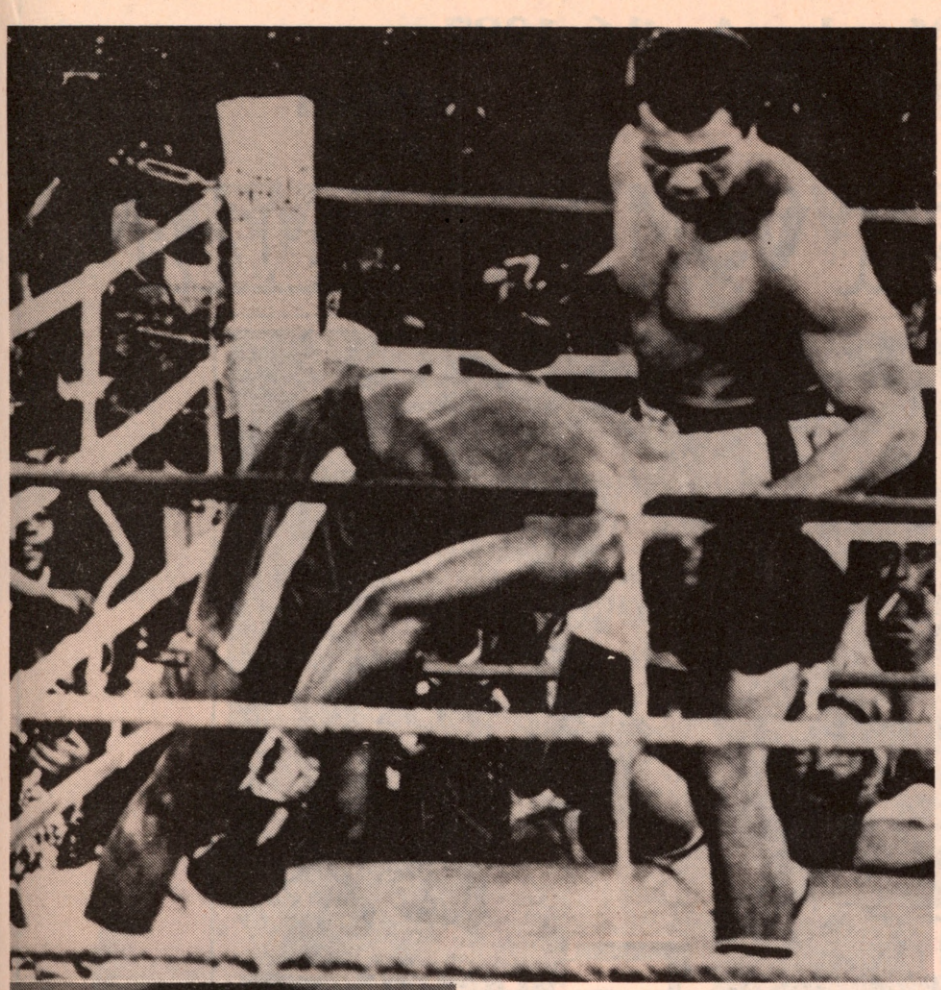
This fight also marked a kind of epiphany for me as a boxing fan. For the first time, as far as I can recall, I found myself rooting for both fighters simultaneously. Up to that time, I either had a favorite or I didn't much care who won. This night, I was anxious to see both Leonard and Hearns look great. I think it was then that I realized that I didn't just love boxing; I loved boxers too. In any event, I was not disappointed.

The Holmes-Cooney bout, which I also watched on closed circuit, was a different matter entirely. I saw this one in the VFW Hall in the nearby town of Cedar Rapids, a dirty, smelly industrial town in the middle of farm country. It was an appropriate setting in which to watch that vicious, sleazy, squalid fight, just as Hancher Auditorium had been appropriate to the exquisite artistry of the Leonard-Hearns bout.

As far as I could tell, I was one of about four people out of the several thousand in the place who was rooting for Holmes. As I entered the hall that night, a crew from the local TV news team was interviewing a few of the fans: Young corn-fed hooligans in feed caps shouted into the camera, "Cooney! We want Cooney! We want a white champion!" The reporter holding the mike was black, and I wondered how he must have felt.

Eventually, one of the camera crew called, "Isn't anyone here for Holmes?" I made myself available, got on camera, and explained why I was for Holmes and why I thought he would win. But the reporter told me he probably wouldn't use the footage. "You were too scholarly," he told me. "Nobody'd believe you were a real boxing fan." Fancy that: This fellow

Marvelous Marvin Hagler (left) took 15 rounds to tame Roberto Duran. The fact that his match with Leonard is only scheduled for 12 has disappointed many traditionalists, including our senior writer.



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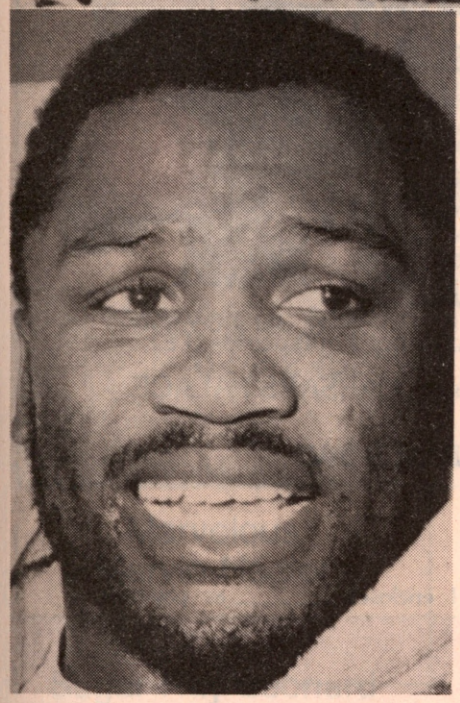

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Sometimes, the fights you miss entirely can be fun, too, in retrospect. I was in college when Ali fought Foreman; my roommate and I were both big fight fans, and we had debated this fight loud and long, since we were in opposite camps. I must admit, too, that he nearly had me convinced that Foreman would put Ali away in a round or two. In any case, we could have rustled up a few bucks and seen the fight, but we agreed there wasn't much point to it. So we sat around the room, studying or playing cards or having a drink or whatever college kids do, until a kid from down the hall stuck his head into the room and yelled, "Hey, you guys Ali just took out Foreman in the eighth!"

Now, at the moment, this struck us as the biggest piece of crap we could ever hope to hear. It was as if someone had told us the sun was rising in the West. Yeah, I'd put a big bet down on Ali, but it was from loyalty, not because I actually thought he'd last five rounds.

So we just laughed and replied, "Ah, get outta here!" and went back to whatever we were doing. A few minutes later, we looked at each other and simultaneously said, "Do you suppose . . . nah, no way!"

At eleven, we turned on the late news to see if Ali had lived. That was all I was hoping for. And there sat the local, in his sprayed-down hair and his floppy bow tie, grinning his silly face off and saying, "Well, there was a major upset in Zaire tonight . . ." On the whole, that made up for the Frazier fight.

Don't get me wrong: I love being close to the fight game. I love the atmosphere of an arena, whether it's hosting a title fight or a club card. I love sitting close enough to get blood on my shirt, and talking with the fighters and managers. But at the same time, I will never stop missing the distance.

To end this article, I have to tell you the real, major, overwhelming reason why I can't get excited about the Hagler-Leonard bout. This may be a bit of a surprise to some readers, but I'll bet there are a lot of others who will agree with me all the way on this.

I can't get excited about it because of this damned idiotic 12-round distance. There it is. I've said it and I'm glad.

Okay, we have to face facts and admit that 15-round fights will seen be as extinct as the Holy Roman Empire and the tall silk hat. It's not so much that Jose Sulaiman insists on the shorter distance—we could all ignore him if we wanted to — as it is that fighters now realize that they can get away with going only 12 rounds and still have it count as a title bout.

I can't blame them much for this. Who wouldn't rather fight a shorter fight? But 12 rounds is not a championship distance. It never has been and it never will be.

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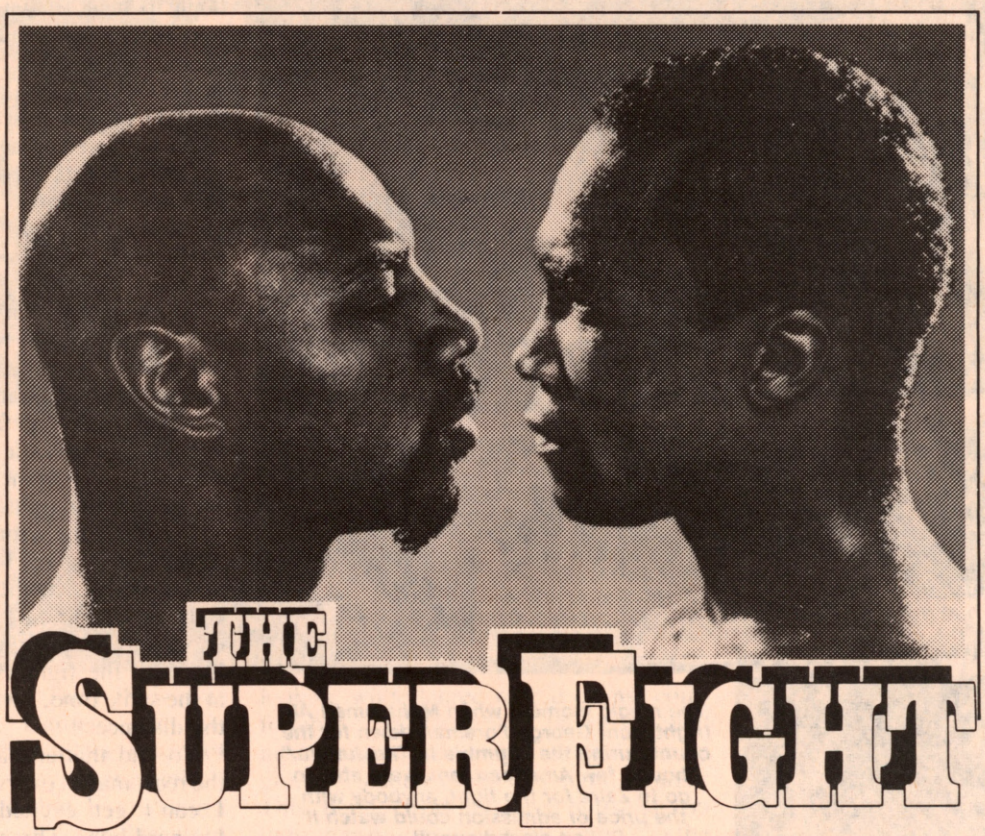

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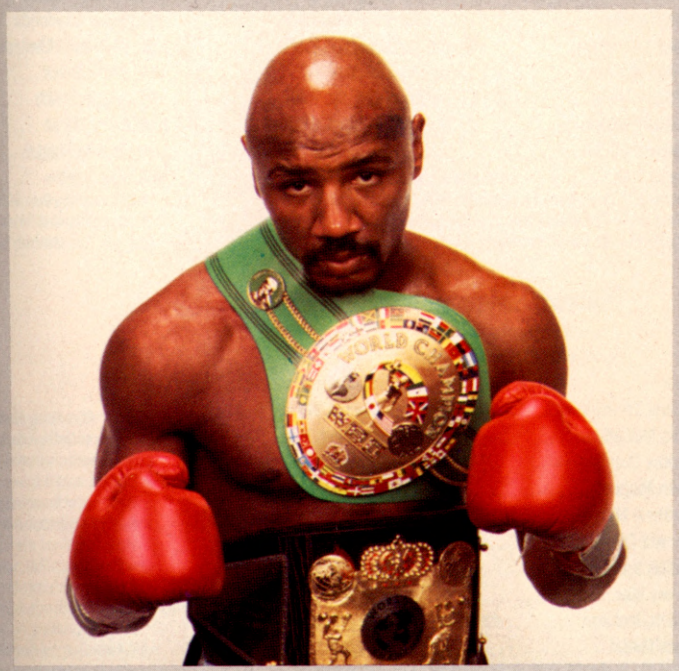

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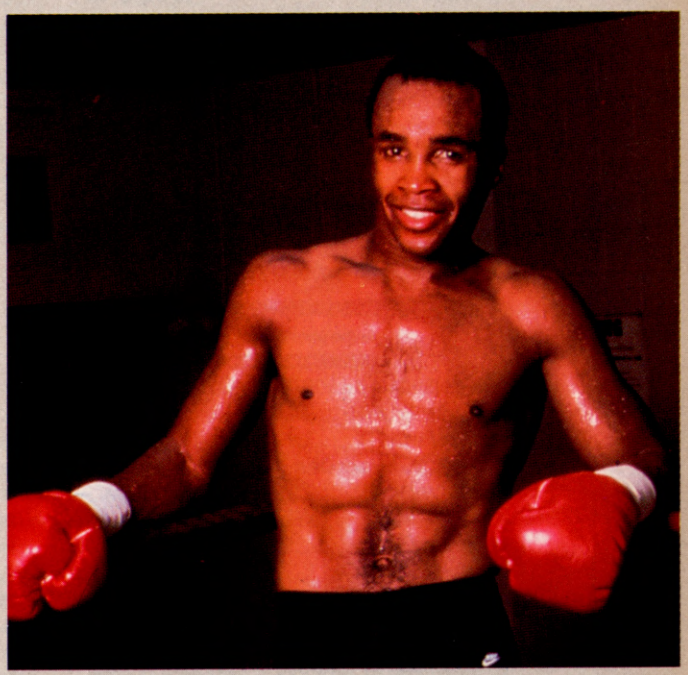

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2. **James (Bonecrusher) Smith*** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
3. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyandotte, Mich.
4. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
7. **James (Buster) Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
8. **Tony Tucker** ..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
9. **Frank Bruno** ..... England
10. **Tyrell Biggs** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Broad 12. Razor Ruddock 13. Mike Weaver 14. Carl Williams 15. Joe Bugner 16. Gerry Cooney 17. Larry Alexander 18. David Bey 19. Mitchell Green 20. Renaldo Snipes.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DeLEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Evander Holyfield*** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
2. **Ricky Parkey***** ..... Morristown, Tenn.
3. **Dwight Muhammda Qawi** ..... Camden, N.J.
4. **Bert Cooper** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Henry Tillman** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Lee Roy Murphy** ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
8. **Bernard Benton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
10. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.

11. Osvaldo Ocasio 12. Boone Pultz 13. Tyrone Booze 14. Dorcey Gaymon 15. Jose M. Flores 16. Chisanda Mutti 17. Pierre Coetzer 18. Michael Greer 19. Bashiru Ali 20. Anthony Davis.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson*** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Bobby Czyz***** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
3. **Dennis Andries**** ..... England
4. **Slobodan Kacar** ..... Yugoslavia
5. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
6. **Juan D. Roldan** ..... Argentina
7. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
9. **Jesse Shelby** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10. **Prince Mamah Mohammed** ..... Ghana

11. Jean-Marie Emebe 12. Charles Williams 13. Alex Blanchard 14. Uriah Grant 15. Kelvin Kelly 16. Virgil Hill 17. Everett Martin 18. Grady Smith 19. Marvin Mack 20. Don LaLonde.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* ** *** ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
3. **Herol Graham** ..... England
4. **Iran Barkley** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
6. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Michael Nunn** ..... Sherman Oaks, Calif.
8. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada
10. **Frank Tate** ..... Houston, Texas

11. Don Lee 12. Tony Sibson 13. Chong-Pal Park 14. Doug DeWitt 15. Charlie Boston 16. Mustafa Hamsho 17. Mark Holmes 18. Errol Christie 19. Jorge Amparo 20. Tony Thornton.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Duane Thomas**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Buster Drayton***** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
5. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada
6. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
7. **Carlos Santos** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
9. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
10. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.

11. Steve Little 12. Darnell Knox 13. In-Chul Baek 14. Hugo Marinangeli 15. David Braxton 16. Said Skouma 17. Francisco DeJesus 18. Lupe Aquino 19. Chris Pyatt 20. Tony Montgomery.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN* ** *** ..... England
1. **Mark Breland** ..... New York, N.Y.
2. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
3. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
4. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
5. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
7. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Luis Santana** ..... Hawthorne, Calif.
9. **Gene Hatcher** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales

11. Jun-Sok Hwang 12. Sylvester Mittee 13. Seung-Soon Lee 14. Vincent Pettway 15. Horace Shufford 16. Manning Galloway 17. John Munduga 18. Harold Volbrecht 19. Kirkland Laing 20. Lorenzo Garcia.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Patrizio Oliva*** ..... Italy
2. **Tsuyoshi Hamada**** ..... Japan
3. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
4. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
5. **Joe Louis Manley***** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.
6. **Andy Nance** ..... San Rafael, Calif.
7. **Lonnie Smith** ..... Denver, Colo.
8. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
9. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
10. **Gary Hinton** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez 12. Harold Brazier 13. James (Buddy) McGirt 14. Ubaldo Sacco 15. Howard Davis Jr. 16. John Meekins 17. Juan M. Coggi 18. Tony McKenzie 19. John Montes 20. Reyes Cruz.

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*WBA champion
**WBC champion
***IBF champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Edwin Rosario*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Greg Haugen***** ..... Auburn, Wash.
4. **Jimmy Paul** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
6. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
7. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Pernell Whitaker** ..... Norfolk, Va.
10. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda

11. Darryl Tyson 12. Roger Mayweather 13. Tyrone Crawley 14. Joey Olivera 15. Frankie Randall 16. Vinnie Pazienza 17. Cubanito Perez 18. Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan 19. Miguel Santana 20. Fred Pendleton.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BRIAN MITCHELL* ..... South Africa
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Barry Michael***** ..... Australia
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
5. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
6. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Ind.
9. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil
10. **Kenny Baysmore** ..... Washington, D.C.

11. Edgar Castro 12. Lester Ellis 13. Mario Miranda 14. Najib Daho 15. Eusebio Pedroza 16. Jean-Marc Renard 17. John Sichula 18. Oscar Bejines 19. Rafael Solis 20. Raphe Sims.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

STEVE CRUZ* ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
3. **Antonio Rivera***** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
5. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
6. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Jose Marmolejo** ..... Panama
9. **Ki-Yung Chung** ..... Korea
10. **Antonio Esparragoza** ..... Venezuela

11. Min-Keun Oh 12. Refugio Rojas 13. Joe Ruelas 14. Jose Mario Lopez 15. George Navarro 16. Tyrone Jackson 17. Javier Marquez 18. Lupe Suarez 19. Hector Lopez 20. Robert Rivera.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
2. **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
3. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
4. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Mexico
6. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
7. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
8. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas
9. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Ramon Dominguez** ..... Argentina

11. Tommy Valoy 12. Ji-Won Kim*** 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Louie Espinoza 15. Prayurasak Muangsurin 16. George Garcia 17. Seung-Hoon Lee 18. Jesse Benavides 19. Yun-Kap Choi 20. Valerio Nati.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARDO PINANGO* ..... Venezuela
1. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
2. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
3. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
4. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
5. **Jeff Fenech***** ..... Australia
6. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
7. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
8. **Albert Davila** ..... Pomona, Calif.
9. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
10. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico

11. Frankie Duarte 12. Elly Pical 13. Santos Laciar 14. Sugar Ray Rojas 15. Hurley Snead 16. Antonio Avelar 17. Wilfredo Vasquez 18. Freddie Jackson 19. Azael Moran 20. Edgar Monserrat.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
3. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
4. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
6. **Hi-Sup Shin***** ..... Korea
7. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
8. **Benedicto Murillo** ..... Panama
9. **Alberto Castro** ..... Colombia
10. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Jorge Cano 12. Dodie Penalosa 13. Javier Lucas 14. Rafael Caban 15. Duke McKenzie 16. Jose DeJesus 17. Fidel Bassa 18. Rae-Ki Ahn 19. Rafael Cabrera 20. Francisco Montiel.

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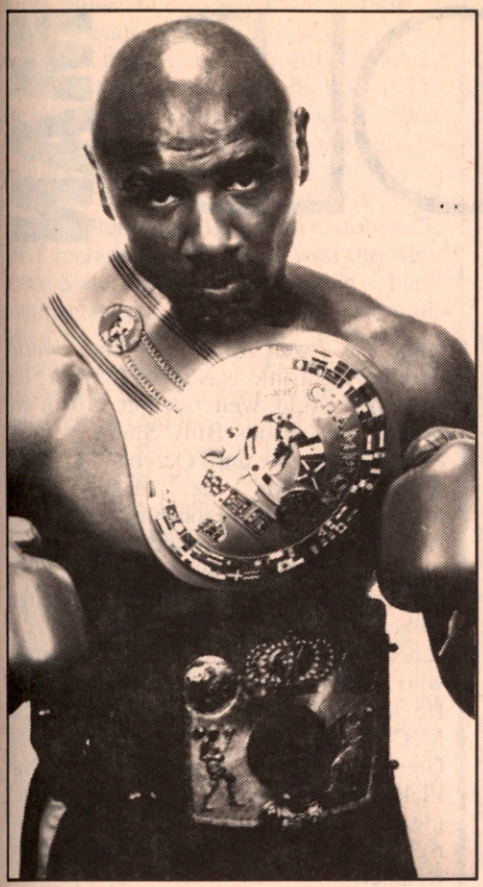

TALE OF THE TAPE

MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER		SUGAR RAY LEONARD
May 23, 1954	Birthdate	May 17, 1956
Newark, NJ	Birthplace	Wilmington, NC
Hanover, MA	Hometown	Potomac, MD
32	Age	30
160*	Weight	160*
5'9½"	Height	5'10½"
75"	Reach	74"
40"	Chest (normal)	39"
42"	Chest (expanded)	41"
15"	Biceps	15"
12"	Forearm	11¾"
30"	Waist	30"
22"	Thigh	21"
15"	Calf	13"
16"	Neck	15½
7"	Wrist	7"
12"	Fist	11"
9"	Ankle	9¾"

***EXACT WEIGHT TO BE ANNOUNCED AT OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN.**

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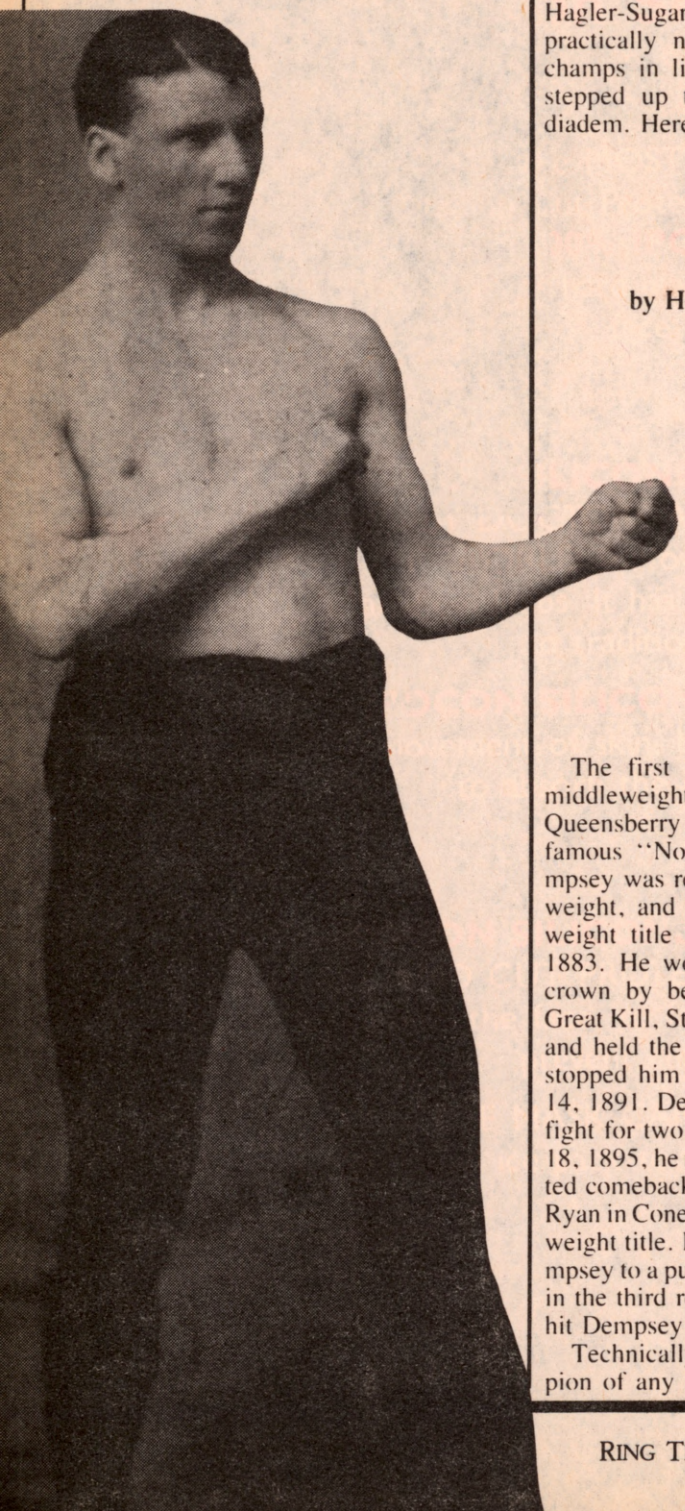

Jack Dempsey, the "Nonpareil"

THE UPCOMING MARVELOUS MARVIN Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard super match practically necessitates a look at other champs in lighter weight divisions who stepped up to fight for the 160-pound diadem. Here goes.

by Herbert G. Goldman

The first generally recognized world middleweight champion under Queensberry rules was Jack Dempsey, the famous "Nonpareil" of the 1880s. Dempsey was really no more than a welterweight, and had even claimed the lightweight title shortly after turning pro in 1883. He won the vacant middleweight crown by beating George Fulljames in Great Kill, Staten Island, on July 30, 1884 and held the title until Bob Fitzsimmons stopped him in New Orleans on January 14, 1891. Dempsey, an alcoholic, did not fight for two years after that. On January 18, 1895, he made the last of three attempted comebacks, facing champion Tommy Ryan in Coney Island for the world welterweight title. Ryan beat the half drunk Dempsey to a pulp until the fight was stopped in the third round. Ryan was reluctant to hit Dempsey any further.

Technically speaking, the first champion of any lighter weight class to challenge—as well as win—the world middleweight title was Ryan himself. He won the world welterweight crown by beating Mysterious Billy Smith in 1894 and held that title until October 24, 1898, when he won the vacant world middleweight championship by beating Jack Bonner over 20 rounds at Coney Island. He held the heavier title until early 1905, when he retired, naming the tough Hugo Kelly his successor. Ryan was a superb boxer and fine all-around fighter who scored 68 kayoes in 109 total bouts. He lost only three times—twice to Kid McCoy, and once on a foul to George Green, the original "Young Corbett." Nat Fleischer considered Ryan the second greatest middleweight who ever lived—right below the better remembered Stanley Ketchel.

There is a gap in our story at this point, chiefly since the world's welterweight championship was in dispute from 1905 until World War I. Jimmy Clabby, who claimed the welter title in 1910, had three shots at the Australian version of the world's middleweight championship in 1914-16, losing to Jeff Smith (once) and Les Darcy (twice).

Not until 1925 did a reigning world middleweight champion defend his crown against the current welter champ. That was when the one and only Harry Greb squared off against young Mickey Walker, the famed "Toy Bulldog," in a 15-rounder at the Polo Grounds that would not have done Jim Corbett proud. "Greb," wrote Lester Bromberg in *Boxing's Greatest Fights*, "threw everything at the youngster, in and out of the book. Walker, outweighed at 152 to 159, tried to respond with equal malevolence. . . . They knocked referee Ed Purdy down three times, even dislocated his knee." Greb won a unanimous decision, and legend says the two gladiators had a return bout on the street in front of a speakeasy in the early hours of the morning.

Walker eventually won the middleweight crown with a highly controversial decision over Greb's successor,

Tiger Flowers, on December 3, 1926 at the Coliseum in Chicago. Walker, who never had the life style of a Billy Sunday, could no longer make 160 by mid-1931. He relinquished the title on June 19 of that year, and the middleweight crown was split for the next ten years.

Lucien Pierre Brouillard, who held the world welterweight title from October 23, 1931 to January 28, 1932, won the New York State Athletic Commission's blessing as world middleweight champion when he kayoed Ben Jeby at the Polo Grounds on August 9, 1933, but only held the heavier title for two months and 21 days. Vince Dundee relieved him of it via a unanimous decision at the Boston Garden on October 30, 1933. Brouillard later made two tries against Marcel Thil for the Int. Boxing Union's version of the title, losing both bouts by disqualification.

Henry Armstrong held three world titles simultaneously—the featherweight, the welter, and the lightweight. (There were no junior classes at the time.) Armstrong almost made it five when he faced middleweight champion Ceferino Garcia at Los Angeles' Gilmore Stadium on March 1, 1940. Referee George Blake took rounds away from Armstrong for alleged low blows. Most critics said that Armstrong won regardless. Henry weighed 142.

Sugar Ray Robinson, of course, held the world's welterweight championship when he won the middleweight crown by stopping Jake LaMotta at 2:04 of the 13th round at Chicago Stadium in 1951. This was the sixth and final meeting of the Bronx Bull and the Sugar Man. Their first five contests had been closer, Robby winning four (two of them extremely controversial), LaMotta one. "Weights," to quote Dick Mastro, "often tell the story." Robby weighed 145 to LaMotta's 157¾ in their first fight, 144½ to Jake's 160½ in their second (Jake's sole winning effort). The weights in their next three contests were: 145-160¾, 148½-158, and 150-159. LaMotta had trouble making 160 for his title defense against Robinson; Sugar Ray came in at 155½.

Robinson announced his retirement after losing a bid for Joey Maxim's light heavy crown in 1952, returned in 1954, and regained the middleweight title in 1955. He won and lost the championship to Gene Fullmer in 1957, and then lost it again, to Carmen Basilio, later that year. Basilio, who gave away five inches in height when he faced Robby, was world's welter champion at the time.

Basilio did not last long as world's middle champ, Robinson giving him a beauty of a shiner in their return bout en route to a 15-round split decision. There was no rubber match, and the National Boxing Association eventually stripped Robby of the title. Basilio faced Gene Fullmer for the vacant NBA crown, but Gene was a natural 160-pounder—too rough, tough and strong for Carmen. Fullmer TKO'd the Canastota Onion Farmer in the 14th on August 28, 1959, and repeated his triumph in 12 rounds less than a year later.

Luis Rodriguez

It just goes to show that, all things being equal, a good natural middleweight will usually beat a welterweight of the same calibre. Emile Griffith was the last welterweight crown holder to successfully challenge for the middleweight crown. "You've got the neck and shoulders of a man 20 pounds heavier," a physician is reported to have told him. Griff won the middleweight title with a unanimous but close decision over Dick Tiger at Madison Square Garden on April 25, 1966, a verdict with which Nat Fleischer, editor of *The Ring*, strongly disagreed. Griffith subsequently lost, regained, and lost the title in a three-bout war with Italy's Nino Benvenuti, the only junior middleweight champion to win the 160-pound crown. (Denny Moyer, Thomas Hearns, and Roberto Duran, all of whom held the 154-pound bauble at one time or another, have since challenged unsuccessfully for middleweight honors. Griff himself held EBU recognition as world junior middleweight champion in 1962-63.)

One is struck by all the close decisions these middle champ vs. welter champ title fights have produced. Roberto Duran didn't win more than five rounds against Marvin Hagler (on my scorecard), but the fact he wasn't cold cocked made the fight *seem* close. Luis Rodriguez, very highly regarded when he was world's welterweight champion but seldom thought of these days, extended Benvenuti to the limit in a middle title fight in Rome on November 22, 1969. Nino finally won via a one-punch (left hook) knockout in 1:08 of round 11.

Carlos Monzon vs. Jose Napoles. A fight for the ages, on paper. It turned out to be the great bigger man stopping the great smaller man after six rounds of action. That's how Marvin Hagler would want his fight against Leonard to go.

But Leonard can look at most of these fights and smile. Welterweights have usually done well in fights for the middleweight crown . . .

Not, however, after three-year lay-offs. □

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

James (Bonecrusher) Smith has every right to smile. He won the WBA heavyweight title with a shocking first-round TKO over Tim Witherspoon and also garnered THE RING's Fighter of the Month award.

In a month of upsets, **James (Bonecrusher) Smith** wins our Fighter of the Month award on the strength of his stunning one-round knockout of Tim Witherspoon for the WBA heavyweight title at Madison Square Garden. What made Smith's victory even more impressive was the fact that he took the match on short notice when Tony Tubbs withdrew with a shoulder injury.

Runner-up spot goes to **Greg Haugen** for his upset decision over Jimmy Paul for the IBF lightweight crown in Las Vegas. Haugen was another big underdog who rose to the occasion against a fighter many considered vastly superior prior to the opening bell.

On the same card as Haugen's surprising triumph, **Duane Thomas** won the WBC junior middleweight title with a third-round TKO over John (The Beast) Mugabi. Because of his gritty showing against Marvin Hagler, Mugabi was favored to win the crown left vacant by Thomas Hearns. But when the dust settled at Caesars Palace, it was Thomas who ruled the 154-pound roost. Thomas' title-winning effort also earned honorable mention among this month's outstanding fighters.

CZYZ - SEARS

IBF Light Heavyweight Title

W. ORANGE, N.J.—THE PROmotion itself proved to be more of a "happening" than the fight. With Jersey boxing, apart from the casinos, a mere footnote, fledgling club promoter Carlo Dee succeeded where the Meadowlands had failed and even Madison Square Garden has struggled. At the local ice rink, South Mtn. Arena, he put on a good, old-fashioned "fight night," complete with turnaway crowd, anxious lines at the ticket windows, and an angry traffic jam outside the overflow parking lot. Amidst such excitement, home-grown hero Bobby Czyz mounted a successful first defense of his crown, destroying David Sears with such ease that fans must have felt like they'd bought a 15-cent hamburger and bit right past the meat.

The crowd of 3,330 quickly developed a noticeable gap when the following of motorcyclist Jehan Pierre Vassau walked out after his preliminary bout. At least, they got to see more of their hero than did fans of the champion. In a bout scheduled for 15, Czyz, 175, Wanaque, N.J., knocked out Sears, 175, Howard Beach, N.Y., in just 61 seconds of the first. The challenger, handled by an actor, had been "promo'd" more than "managed" to the top. Sears had fought only twice in nearly two years since his first title shot, a premature challenge to Michael Spinks that resulted in a similar demolition. Only one of those was a win, and that over a non-combative Jack Johnson. Still, the match promised to be a rugged battle between two physical sluggers "I was excited about being here in Jersey," Czyz later said. "The fans have stayed with me throughout all my trials and tribulations."

For the little time it lasted, the champion was devastating. A no-nonsense Czyz, moving with deadly purpose, ripped into the challenger's body, bringing down his guard, and then sent a thudding right over the top that, for all that mattered, ended the fight right there. A defenseless Sears fluttered like a winged mallard, as the champion first sprayed him with buckshot, then unloaded two more right-hand cannons to drop him onto his face with tail feathers in the air like a flag of surrender. In fairness, Sears did struggle to his feet and mutter to ref Joe Cortez, but it was wasted valor. Cortez had already waved it over without a count.

Bobby's fans, trying to wring little extra out of the abbreviated event, cheered a bit self consciously. And even the champion wanted more. He shouted something at Sears, then explained later, "I was still in the heat of battle. I still had a few punches left in me. But the fight was over. I put an exclamation point on the fight with verbal punches. I guess I'll have to go on the dance floor to relax."

The champion described his battle plan with a seeming contradiction. "My trainer,

Tommy Parks, always gives me the first round to feel out an opponent," he claimed, after having done anything but. "That's when you find out about his chin, his skills, and his heart." But, he went on, "I saw the opportunity, so I took it. He gave me something."

Bobby summarized the challenge simply. "I don't remember being hit by any punches," he said, "but I'll have to check the films." Sears left. He had nothing to say.

Rip Rettig, 148½, Bayonne, N.J. TKO'd Donald Johnson, 152, Brooklyn, not out for the fifth round of a scheduled eight. In a free-for-all, lanky spoiler Johnson gave unskilled brawler Rettig fits early, and rocked him in the third. But Rip pulled out all stops, did everything but bite and kick, and belaborred Don into exhaustion. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Greg Everett, 172, Newark, TKO'd Larry Davis, 176, Elizabeth, not out for the fifth round of a scheduled six. In a punishing slugfest, dynamite-fisted Everett left lapses in concentration between outbursts, in which the game Davis was able to reach him. But overall, Larry couldn't stand uyp to the firepower, took a standing eight in the third, and was all through a round later. Paul Venti, referee.

Dennis Milton, 159, Bronx, outboxed Mike Peoples, 160 1/2, Monticello, N.Y., for a unanimous win in a dull six. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

William Morris, 170, Philadelphia, upset Jehan Pierre Vassau, 172 1/2, Dover, by a questionable split verdict, in an exciting four. A big fourth wasn't enough to pull it out for the popular slugger. Paul Venti, referee.

Cornell Sims, 159, Elizabeth, battered and stopped outclassed Bernard (Octopus) Jones, 156, Newark, on his feet at 1:55 of the second in their scheduled four. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Mikey (Likes It) Duzant, 140, Staten Island, outfought game Don Cioffi, 140, Lake Hopatcang, for a unanimous verdict in a bristling four. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Southpaw spoiler Walter Houston, 148 1/2, Staten Island, was able to spin Eric Holland, 155, Philadelphia, out of position to take a unanimous decision in a rugged four. Paul Venti, referee.

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Judges—title bout: locals Phil Newman and Frank Cairo and Rick Bays of Miami; undercard: Ron Burns, Al DeVito, Rich Strange.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.

Ring Announcer—Dennis Miller.

(12-26-86)

J.R. JOWETT

CHAVEZ-LaPORTE

WBC Super Featherweight Title

NEW YORK, N.Y.—IT WAS a hard fight. That just about sums up the 12-round bout that saw Julio Cesar Chavez, 129, Culiacan, Mexico, retain his World Boxing Council 130-pound title with a fairly close but unanimous decision over former WBC featherweight champion Juan LaPorte, 128¾, Guayama, Puerto Rico.

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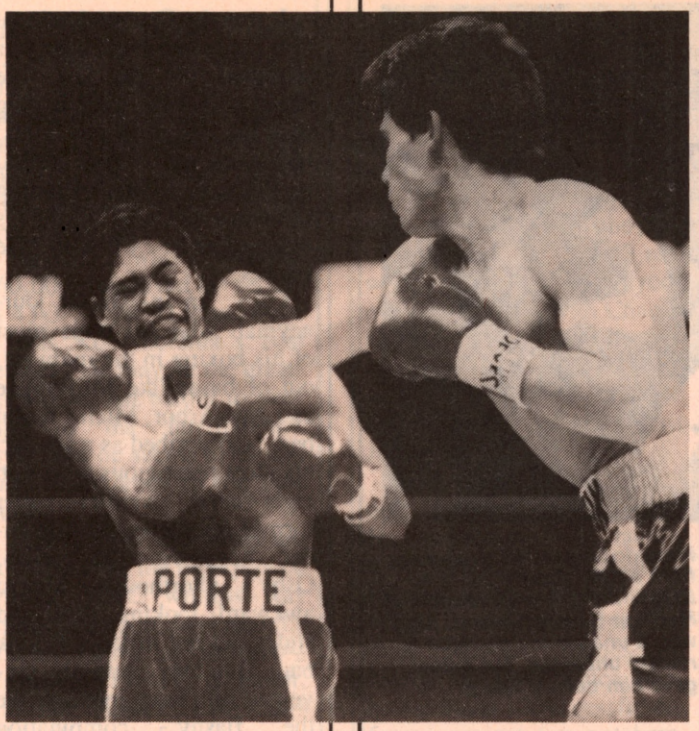


WBC junior lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez clips challenger Juan LaPorte with a right cross en route to a unanimous 12-round decision in defense of his title. LaPorte, the former WBA featherweight champ, fought perhaps the best fight of his career, but still came up a bit short.

Don King Productions put this bout on the undercard of the Dynamic Duo's (King and Butch Lewis) Smith-Witherspoon promotion at Madison Square Garden, and it sort of got lost in the shuffle regarding p.r. It seems a shame. Few wanted to see a rematch between Witherspoon and Tubbs, and not that many more wanted to see Tim in a second battle with the Bonecrusher. Chavez vs. LaPorte, while not a major fight in the penultimate sense, was, on the other hand, a pairing that a real fight fan would have wanted to see.

LaPorte started fast and took the first round on aggressiveness. Chavez, noted as a knockout artist, got in close and turned the tables in round two. The action see-sawed for the first six rounds before Chavez gained rather firm control in inning seven. Referee Richard Steele took a point away from the Mexican in the ninth frame, a point that could have made the title change hands had the scoring, and the fight, been just a wee bit closer.

Chavez's stoicism—he never gets riled—and his body attack told the story. LaPorte was all in by the eighth, and even though he got a "second wind" and won the last round, there was little doubt that Chavez's dominance from the sixth session through the 10th had won the day. The official scoring was as follows: Bob Logist (Belgium), 114-113; Larry O'Connell (Great Britain), 115-114; Sid Nathan (Great Britain), a too wide 117-112. *The Ring* carded 117-115.

It was a very close fight," reflected Chavez, "he fought like a real challenger and I have to give him credit for it. I tried very hard to knock him out, but he didn't go down."

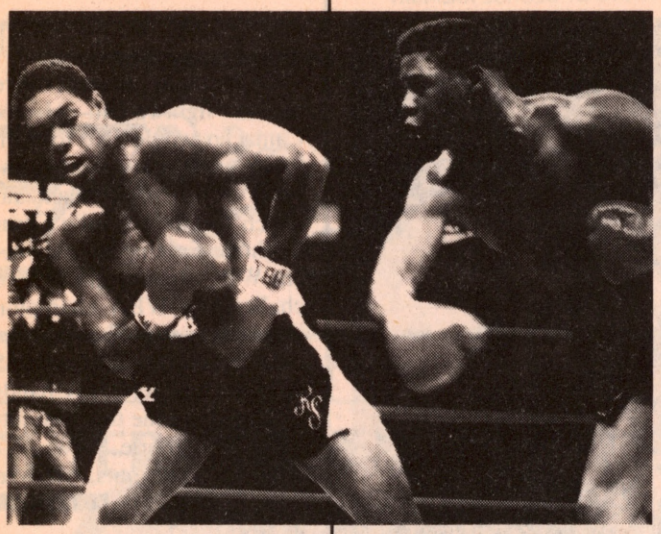
"I tried to stick with my plan," said LaPorte. "I tried going with the right hand first, then tried feinting with my left . . . My hopes are still high, and Howie Albert says that if Chavez goes lightweight, I might fight for the vacant title."

Chavez may, indeed, move up to lightweight. Hector Camacho would like to fight WBC super lightweight champion Tsuyoshi Hamada, which means that Julio Cesar might be fighting for the vacant WBC lightweight title or challenging WBA champion Edwin Rosario. The 24-year-old Chavez, now 52-0 with 45 kayoes, will have his hands full handling the top 10 lightweights. LaPorte, now 27-7 with 14 knockouts. showed that Chavez can be beaten . . . almost.

BIGGS-SNIPES

Tyrell Biggs showed a lot of people how much he had improved by the way he handled Renaldo Snipes in their 10-round bout on the Witherspoon-Smith/Chavez-LaPorte card at Madison Square Garden. This writer, however, was not in their number.

We thought that Snipes beat Biggs, 6-3-1 in rounds and 6-5 in points. The judges disagreed with us—two of them, Carol Castellano and Billy Graham, by the seemingly outrageous scores of 7-3 (8-3 in points) for Biggs. (This writer usually finds much more to agree with in judge Graham's scorecards.) The other judge, Victor Suarez, also had it for Biggs , but by the much more plausible margin of a 5-5 deadlock in rounds and a 6-5 edge in points. (This writer usually finds much more to *disagree* with in judge Suarez's scorecards.) Biggs lost, in our view, because he posed and looked dangerous during too many rounds, and actually did damage in too few. He floored Snipes with a right to the chin in the third rond and almost knocked him out in the sixth. We gave him two-point edges in both ses-



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Renaldo Snipes (left) pulls away from a right thrown by Tyrell Biggs during their 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden. Biggs won a unanimous decision to remain unbeaten, but Snipes gave him quite a tussle.

sions and a one-point margin in round five. That's all.

Snipes was in shape for this one, and opened fast with left jabs in round one. Biggs landed two hard punches in the final minute of the frame, but it was Snipes' round. Round two: more Snipes, no Biggs. Round four was a virtual replay of round two. Neither man showed anything in the sixth round, but Snipes' jabbing, although weak, gave him the edge. A left hurt Snipes in the sixth inning, and a follow up right had him hanging on. Biggs then let him get away.

Tyrell was tired in the eighth round, and we scored that holding session even. Snipes landed a *hard* left in the ninth and Biggs was on the defensive until he landed three hard punches in the closing minute. Those three shots were all that Biggs had left, and he held on in the final canto.

Biggs is now 13-0 with eight knockouts. Snipes is 26-6-1 with 13 kayoes.

Newspapermen pointed Biggs out as a future opponent for Mike Tyson after this fight. "Opponent" is right. Timber! All 6'5" of him.

Matthew Hilton, 157, Montreal, added another kayo to his log by knocking out Willie (Crystal Kid) Clayton, 152, Chicago, in 1:41 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Hilton, now 25-0 with 20 kayoes, suffered a cut left eye in round one. Clayron was floored once in the first round and twice in the second—the last time for the 10-count. John LoBianco, referee.

Jimmy Clark, 210, Coatesville, Pa., TKO'd Mickey Pryor, 203, Ft. Worth, Texas, at 2:12 of the second around in their scheduled 10. Clark is now 18-1 with 10 kayoes. Pryor is 11-4-1 with 10 knockouts. Tony Perez, referee.

Mark Weinman, 151 1/2, Whitestone, New York, made it 7-0 (five kayoes) in the pros with a unanimous decision over Terry Young, 153 1/2, New York, six. Scoring: Carol Castellano and Victor Suarez, both 6-0; Billy Graham, 5-0-1. John LoBianco, referee.

Domingo Molina, 156, Brooklyn, TKO'd Dave Lozada, 156, Youngstown, Ohio, at 0:38 of the second round in a scheduled four. Molina is now 3-1-1. Lozada, down in the first round, is 4-2. Tony Perez, referee.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(12-12-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

HILL-OSBY

Vacant Continental Americas Light Heavyweight Title

NEW YORK, N.Y.—OLYMpic middleweight silver medalist Virgil Hill, 175, Grand Forks, N.D., won the vacant Continental Americas title with a lopsided 12-round unanimous decision over Clarence Osby, 174 1/2, Houston, Texas, at the Felt Forum.

It was the first professional title for young Hill, who was sidelined for the last five months of 1985 after having won his first four pro bouts. Hill made up for lost ground in 1986, 10 fights, including this win over Osby, raising his paid ledger to 14-0 with nine kayoes.

Osby, an in-and-out journeyman who has done most of his boxing in the midwest, out of bases like Milwaukee and Ann Arbor, Mich., might best be described as a spoiler; his most prestigious win is an eight-round verdict over former middleweight contender Fulgencio Obelmejias. Osby's unorthodox, almost awkward looking dips and slides did not make Hill look bad. But they certainly prevented him from looking like the flashy, combination punching whiz kid that Olympic heros are supposed to be.

There were no knockdowns, and the final scoring was as follows: Harold Lederman, 118-109; Barbara Perez and Al Reid, both 117-111. The loss dipped Osby down to 13-8 with seven kayoes. Arthur Mercante, Jr. was the referee.

The Continental Americas Championship Committee is an official arm of the World Boxing Council, and that august body's latest ratings show Hill in the number 29 spot. Hill still has some way to go before he catches up to Evander Holyfield, Mark Breland, and the other olympians. Fighting Clarence Osby is like wearing a hairshirt. The experience was no doubt good for Virgil's soul—not to mention his fistic know-how.

Olympic featherweight gold medalist Meldrick Taylor, 137, Philadelphia, continued his climb in the professional lightweight ranks with a three-knockdown rule TKO over southpaw Danny Vargas, 137 1/2, Harlingen, Texas, at 1:49 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Taylor is now 13-0-1 with eight kayoes. Vargas is 13-7 with 10 knockouts. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Richard Burton, 157, Bronx, New York, TKO'd Pat Prisco, 163 1/2, Madison, N.J., at 1:08 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Burton is now 13-3 with 11 knockouts. Prisco is 16-3-1 with four kayoes. Fred Ucci, referee.

John John Molina, 131, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Kevin Marston, 129, Jamaica, New York, eight. Scoring: Bernie Friedkin, 5-3; Al Reid, 8-0; Danny Whelan, 7-1. Fred Ucci, referee.

English-born southpaw Tunde Foster, 136, Brooklyn, went to 9-0 (eight kayoes) by knocking out Ron Washington, 138 1/2, York, Pa., in 0/27 of the second round in a scheduled six. Washington is now 5-8-1 with two kayoes. Fred Ucci, referee.

Reno Pasqua, 164, Brooklyn, made his pro debut with a TKO over Tony Pitts, 167, Williamstown, N.J., at 2:28 of the first round in a scheduled four. Pasqua, downed, came back to floor Pitts twice, prompting referee Schroeder to halt matters. Pitts is now 0-2.

Owen McGeechy, 135 1/2, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Craig Johnson, 131, Atlantic City, four. Scoring: Friedkin and Whelan, both 3-1; Reid, 3-0-1. McGeechy is now 3-0. Johnson is 2-4. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedrajas.

Rng Announcer—Ed Derian.

Attendance—1,270.

(12-11-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

ROMAN-K. PAYAKAROON

WBC Super Flyweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Mexican Gilberto Roman, 114½, retained his WBC super flyweight title by giving a boxing lesson and winning a unanimous decision over Kongthroanee Payakaroon, 115, in 12 fast rounds at Hua Mark Indoor Stadium.

Kongthroanee, 26, is the older brother of Samart Payakaroon, the current WBC super bantamweight kingpin. Kongthroanee and Samart were both *Muay-Thai* champions. Samart, a tall handsome 24-year-old, dominated three classes prior to turning to "international style" boxing. Kongthroanee was a champion in five divisions—from mini-flyweight to bantamweight. Kongthoranee was, in fact, superior to Samart in *Muay-Thai*, compiling a record of 91-32-9 in 132 battles.

Roman proved the superior technician. They were both 5'3" tall, and Roman was a year his junior at 25. But Gilberto, a natural flyweight, had no weight problem, while Kongthoranee had a tough time making 115.

The Mexican took the first two rounds with fast jabs and good footwork. The Thai ex-kick boxing champ looked nervous, and didn't throw his punches smoothly.

Kongthroanee, however, put the pressure on the champ

in the third round, and Roman slipped in averting the Thai's big left hook. Payakaroon's jabs were just as fast as Roman's and he won that session. Kongthoranee, cheered on by the crowd, dominated the fourth and fifth rounds. He was certainly aggressive, pinning Roman to the ropes, and throwing plenty of solid punches to the gloves, the shoulder, and the air.

The Thai became even more furious in the fifth, connecting with effective body punches and shots to the face.

The Thai, however, threw far fewer punches as the fight progressed. (This was probably due to his problems making the weight.) The Mexican champ kept jabbing him and getting through his guard. The seventh was also Roman's. He landed jab after jab to the face and followed up with light but accurate combinations. Kongthroanee landed several good punches, but they were not enough to win the round. His eye was beginning to look puffy.

Roman clearly won the eighth and ninth rounds. It was jab, jab, jab, and Kongthroanee's right eye was almost closed.

The Mexican was also in command in the 10th and 11th sessions. Kongthoranee began retreating; he simply couldn't see Gilberto's shots. Roman pinned him to the corner with a flurry of sharp punches, and the Thai was soon bleeding from the nose, his other optic puffed up badly. Roman's uppercuts were most effective.

The 12th and final round saw Kongthoranee grabbing Roman to survive. Referee Marty Denkin could have stopped the bout, but chose to let it go the distance.

It looked like a lopsided victory for the defending champ. The announced scoresheets were much closer than expected.

Horacio Castillo (Colombia) supposedly scored the fight 116-114, Marty Simmon and Chuck Hassett (both U.S.) had it 115-113 and 114-113, respectively. *The Ring* viewed it 117-110, giving Roman a 10-8 score in the last round. (The official scores were later found to be wrong and corrected.)

Roman, who received $60,000, improved his record to 43-3-2 with 32 knockouts. It was Kongthoranee's first setback. He may be the greatest *Muay-Thai* battler to ever turn to the international style. But he seems to require more experience in the new field.

Late at night, the scores announced after the fight proved wrong. WBC witness Ray Clarke (Britain) disclosed the correct tallies as follows—Castillo, 119-111; Simmon, 117-111; Hassett, 116-112—all in Roman's favor.

The Mexican will take on Antoine Montero in January, Frank Cedeno in February, Juan Polo Berez in March, and ex-WBC champ Jiro Watanabe in May.

Promoter—Songchai Ratanasuban.
Attendance—10,000 (estimated).
(12-19-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHANG-OHASHI

WBC Light Flyweight Title

INCHON, KOREA—JUNG-Koo Chang, the WBC light flyweight champion, proved too powerful and ringwise for Japanese challenger Hideyuki Ohashi, halting him at 1:55 of the fifth session in their scheduled 12-round title bout.

A record breaking crowd of 20,000 (estimated) saw the fight at Sunin University Gymnasium.

Both tipped the beam at 107¼, a quarter pound under the class limit. But the 5'5" challenger looked almost fragile against the 5'4" Korean Hawk.

Ohashi's crack at the WBC throne was castigated in Korea and Japan, although he was the Japanese champion. (The 21-year-old challenger relinquished his national title before he took on the much more experienced Chang.) Ohashi won the All-Japan high school amateur championship, and compiled a fine 42-3 amateur record with 27 stoppages. He entered the paid ranks in February, 1985 and was 5-1 with three kayoes prior to this fight with Chang. He lost to a mediocre Korean named Bong-Jun Kim before winning the Japanese title from Yoshiaki Nojima last June.

Jung-Koo Chang, though only 25, is a seasoned veteran. He captured the WBC laurels by stopping Panamanian Hilario Zapata (the current WBA flyweight kingpin) in three lopsided rounds on March 26, 1983. Since then, he has made 10 successful defenses against top notchers, defeating Mexican puncher German Torres (thrice), ex-WBA champ Katsuo Tokashiki, Mexican titlist Francisco Montiel (twice), and others.

You couldn't bet on this fight.

In the first round, Chang threw fast, light jabs and quick one-twos in order to probe the Nipponese. Ohashi, a "peek-a-boo" stylist, coolly blocked them and responded with a few left-right combos of his own.

Chang, in round two, turned loose with right-left-right combinations and left-right uppercuts in a successful effort to penetrate Ohashi's high, tight guard. The Korean had Ohashi bleeding from the nostrils, and the nervous Japanese answered with jabs and straight rights. The blows, of course, were less effective than those of the champ.

Ohashi surprisingly took the third round by a clear margin, repeatedly landing his vaunted left hook on the onrushing Chang.

In the fourth round, Chang opened up, connecting with double and triple right uppercuts to the face. Ohashi's face was soon covered with blood.

The Korean Hawk swarmed over the gory Japanese in the fifth session. Fighting in a southpaw stance, Chang landed a wicked overhand right to the temple of the bewildered challenger. Down went Ohashi on his right side. He got up and exchanged punches with Chang toe-to-toe in the center of the ring. His desperate attacks won the praise of the crowd, but Chang had the better of the exchanges. The champ was relentless with fast combinations, triple and quadruple right uppercuts. Referee Henry Elespru (California) wisely called a halt.

Kenji Yonekura, the ex-Oriental flyweight champ and Ohashi's manager, angrily protested the stoppage.
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All the judges had the same score after four rounds. Steve Smoger (U.S.), Wan-Soo Yuh (Korea), and Masakazu Uchida (Japan) carded 39-36, Chang.

Chang improved his log to 32-1 including 13 knockouts. Ohashi fell to 5-2 with three kayoes.

The champion received about 130,000 dollars. The loser got $9,000.

WBC witnesses—Nam Chung (Korea) and Akio Yasuhara (Japan). Ex-OPBF president Paochai Pubbakasikor failed to arrive in time, so the representatives of the KBC and the JBC acted as WBC witnesses.
TV—KBS (only in Korea).
World Promotions.

(12-14-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHITALADA-BERNAL

WBC Flyweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—WBC flyweight champion Sot Chitalada displayed speed, stamina and determination in pounding out a onesided decision over ex-titlist Gabriel Bernal in 12 fast rounds, retaining his crown for the fourth time.

Some 12,000 spectators gathered at Hua Mark Indoor Stadium to witness the first

dual world title card ever staged in Thailand.

It was the Chitalada-Bernal rubber battle. The Thai ex-kick boxer won the throne by a disputed decision over the then defending kingpin, Bernal, in 1984. After Sot beat Charlie Magri and Freddie Castillo, they had a rematch, in which the Mexican puncher dropped Chitalada twice. The decision was a draw.

The WBC ordered them to meet again.

This time, however, the 24-year-old Sot proved a better fighter than Bernal, six years his senior. They both scaled 112 pounds. If Muhammad Ali had been here, he would have burst into laughter. Sot was just like the Louisville Lip, circling with gallant footwork and his hands hung low. This reporter wondered how many times Chitalada had studied Ali's fights on videotapes.

Gabriel said before the fight, "You cannot win by a decision in Thailand. I know that in my previous fights with Sot, I should have been given the decision both times. I came here this time to knock him out."

Bernal began with big punches, but Chitalada kept moving and jabbing incessantly, refusing to be caught.

Chitalada's jabs hit the mark, and he won the first four rounds. Bernal was in command in the fifth session.

Bernal kept stalking the fast-moving Thai throughout the fight, but Chitalada countered him with lefts. Chitalada averted Bernal's roundhouse blows by weaving, ducking, and sidestepping.

In round seven, Sot busily changed his stance from orthodox to southpaw and back again. Bernal also turned lefty on occasion. But Chitalada scored with accurate jabs, one-twos, and left hooks in the seventh round. No matter how energetically Gabriel came forward, he couldn't catch the Thai Ali.

Bernal changed his strategy by boxing in round nine. But the babyfaced Chitalada was a better technician. Chitalada gamely stopped his footwork and mixed it up with the Mexican ex-champ. Bernal landed some short lefts and rights, but couldn't hurt the younger Thai.

In the last two rounds, Bernal, aware of huge point deficits, attempted to knock out the champ—to no avail. Chitalada outjabbed him and took the last two cantos.

The Tom-and-Jerry game was over. It was probably Sot Chitalada's best performance. He showed great progress in speed and skills. Piloted by Sombhop Srisonvongse and coached by Englishman Charles Atkinson, Chitalada looked almost invincible.

Official scores were as follows: Roland Dakin (England), 120-110; Vince Delgado (California), 117-102; Duane Ford (Nevada), 119-109—all in Chitalada's favor.

Chitalada, with flexible mobility and great durability, is now 12-1-1 with eight knockouts. The veteran Bernal fell to 38-10-3 with 24 kayoes.

Chitalada is so talented that he might become a greater flyweight champion than his compatriots, Pone Kingpetch and Chartchai Chionoi. He looks much faster and stronger than those two three-time world kingpins.

PAYAKAROON-MEZA

WBC Super Bantamweight Title

STYLISH SOUTHPAW SAMart Payakaroon scored a dramatic stoppage of former champ Juan (Kid) Meza at 2:55 of the 12th and final round at Hua Mark Indoor Stadium. It was part of the dual WBC title card that also featured Sot Chitalada vs. Gabriel Bernal.

Samart, formerly an excellent *Muay-Thai* (national kick-boxing) champ, won the WBC crown by flattening veteran Lupe Pintor in the fifth round on January 18, 1986. That was only his 10th bout in the "international style."

Meza, a strong challenger, was favored to beat Payakaroon at odds of 3-1, having demolished Thai prospect Pongpan Sorphayathai in three rounds in Bangkok in 1985.

But it turned out to be a very different story — very one-sided for the defending champ.

Payakaroon and Meza each weighed 122, with Meza about an inch taller than the 5'7" Thai.

The upright Payakaroon displayed sharpness, countering the recklessly advancing Meza throughout the bout and giving him what amounted to a boxing lesson.

The Thai won every round before the knockout, winning some by landing just two solid lefts and averting all of Meza's shots.

In the sixth round, Meza slipped to his knees as Payakaroon landed a southpaw right hook to the neck. Roland Dakin, the British referee, called it a knockdown.

Payakaroon dominated the next three rounds, almost stopping Meza in the seventh. The Thai seemed reluctant to press his advantage in that session, letting Meza off the hook till the 11th.

Midway in that canto, Payakaroon caught his man with a beautiful countering right hook. Meza went down on his knees. He beat the count, but took a beating.

The final session was a drama. Meza nailed the champ with two dozen punches, but soon tired. He stepped back a moment, and a Payakaroon straight left dropped him flat on his back. He managed to beat the count, but was wobbly and the third man wisely called a halt.

The crowd went crazy.

Payakaroon is now 14-0 with eight knockouts. Meza is 42-8 with 32 knockouts.

WBC witness—Dick Cole (Texas). Promoter—Sombhop Srisonvongse. (12-10-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

HAMADA-SHIELDS

WBC Super Lightweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—HARD punching lefty Tsuyoshi Hamada, 139¾, failed to demolish crafty challenger Ronnie Shields, 139¼, winning a split but popular decision after 12 monotonous rounds to retain his WBC super lightweight title.

Some 10,000 fans were in attendance at Kuramae Sumo Arena. They appeared disappointed.

Tsuyoshi, 26, is known for his killer instinct, having kayoed 19 of his 21 previous opponents. Shields, two years his senior, fought a very cautious fight.

The 5'7" Hamada fought with his right knee in a supporter, as Michael Spinks did against Steffan Tangstad. The 5'8½" Shields moved in and out, and kept his distance throughout the fight. He did not win simply because he did not throw enough punches.

The official scoresheets were: James Jen-Kin (California), 111-108 and Larry Nadayag (Philippines), 116-111—both for Hamada. Malcolm Bulner had it 115-113 for Shields. That last ballot stunned the near-sellout crowd.

The first round saw Hamada bore in, trying for an early stoppage. Shields kept retreating and sidestepping, averting the champ's rallies.

Hamada aggressively threw solid lefts to the face and the chest of the cautious challenger, taking the second and third rounds. He attempted to stop Shields' mobility by going to the bread basket, but he was penalized a point for some low blows by referee Arthur Mercante in round four.

Hamada dominated the fifth

round, and continued piling up the points. In round seven, however, Shields connected with sharp jabs and good rights, winning the frame on all three scorecards. The Japanese began streaming blood from a cut under the right eyebrow.

Hamada should have gone to his right to avert Shields' right hand counters. His footwork was straightforward and monotonous.

Tsuyoshi's "go-for-broke" attacks to the body gave him the ninth round. The third man now deducted a point from Shields for repeated holding.

There is no word for "retreating" in Hamada's dictionary. He kept going for the big left time and again. When he missed, he lost his balance, but he still tried to continue hitting. (Hamada took the 10th round.)

Shields, for the first time in the fight, turned loose in the 11th round. He concentrated on the champ's midsection, and actually won the last two sessions.

Ronnie should have started his fireworks a little sooner. This might have been his last chance for a world crown.

"Sorry I was not able to finish the challenger," said Hamada. "My knuckles were sore, and my right leg wasn't in good shape."

Hamada bettered his log to 21-1 with one no contest, including 19 kayoes. Shields impaired to 25-5 with 19 knockouts.

Hamada is obliged to meet ex-champ Rene Arredondo again due to an option in their previous contract. Hector Camacho, the WBC lightweight kingpin, also has shown interest in meeting Hamada.

Japanese junior middleweight champion Carlos Elliot, 152, stopped former OPBF lightweight title holder Rolando Aldemir, also 152, Philippines, at 1:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Elliot, the WBA's 10th ranked contender, is now 14-1 with 14 kayoes.

Teiken Promotions.
Nippon TV.
WBC witness—Frank Quill (Australia).
(12-02-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

YUH-DeMARCO

WBA Junior Flyweight Title

SEOUL, KOREA—UNBEATEN Myung-Woo Yuh, the WBA's junior flyweight champion, 107¼, weathered the storm of Argentine Mario DeMarco, perennial top contender, 107¾, in the early rounds, countered well, and kept his crown by a unanimous decision after 15 hard fought rounds.

It was total war, witnessed by some 1,500 spectators at the Hilton International Convention Center. It was also the first card ever staged in a hotel in Korea.

DeMarco, piloted by Tito Lectoure, was surprisingly short at 5 ft. 1 in. His fighting heart amazed the defending champ as well as the partisan crowd. Yuh, two inches taller at 5'3", was engaging in his third defense since he captured the WBA throne via a 15-round decision over Joey Olivo here last December.

In the first round, DeMarco swarmed over the nervous champ with solid lefts and rights, almost toppling Myung-Woo and winning the session. After that, the combatants just kept punching.

The 22-year-old Korean was effective at close range and dominated the second and third cantos. Yuh's short punches were more accurate than the blows of DeMarco, who kept coming forward despite taking some good counters in the fourth.

The fifth session was taken by Yuh, whose one-two combinations repeatedly caught the game challenger. The crowd wondered at the 27-year-old DeMarco's energy. He never ceased punching, whether he hit Yuh's gloves, shoulders, or the air.

Yuh was cleverer, and got inside of shorter DeMarco with crisp short punches. The Korean took the eighth and ninth sessions.

The Argentine, encouraged by his cornerman, dominated the 10th and 11th rounds. Yuh looked a little faded and seemed content to rely on his defensive skills. (The champ is a master at head slipping and catching his opponent's blows.)

The tide seemed to have turned in Mario's favor. Yuh, however, made a comeback in round 12. Yuh defended himself brilliantly and fought back with effective, furious combos. DeMarco may have been surprised at Yuh's energy and determination.

The Korean champ showed his best in round 13, connecting with left and right uppercuts to the face. The Argentine was sent reeling to the ropes on several occasions, and his right eye was badly puffed.

They kept punching each other in the last two rounds.

This reporter is a fight film collector, and cannot recall a bout in which there were as many punches thrown.

Official scorings were as follows: Larry Rozadilla, 146-140; Bill McCornkey, 145-140; Lou Moret, 146-139—all for Yuh, now 22-0 with five knockouts. The game and strong DeMarco fell to 20-3-4 with eight kayoes.

Yuh pocketed $67,000. DeMarco received $10,000.

Han Park, Korean junior lightweight titlist, 130, earned a majority decision over Byun-Yon Kim, 128½, 10. Scoring: 96-95, 98-95, and 97-97. Park is now 19-4-1 with seven knockouts. Kim is 7-6-4 with one kayo. He looked much better than his record shows.

Lefty Jae-Suk Park, 120¼, outscored Ul-Chul Chong, also 120¼, eight. Park, former amateur star, remains unbeaten as a pro. He lacks convincing power.

Dong-A Promotions.
Telecast by MBC in Korea.
WBA witness—Antonio Rivera (Venezuela).
Non-scoring referee—Stanley Christodoulou (South Africa).
Attendance—1,500.
(11-30-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

SHIN-BRENT

IBF Flyweight Title

CHUNCHON, KOREA—LEFTY Hi-Sup Shin, 112, looked impressive halting USBA champion Henry Brent, 111¾, at 1:37 of the 13th round in a scheduled 15-round title bout at Chunchon Gymnasium.

It was Shin's first defense since he captured the IBF flyweight crown with a 15th round stoppage of compatriot Bi-Won Chung last August.

Shin suffered a slight cut on his left eyelid from an accidental butt in the first round.

The second session saw Shin connect with southpaw jabs, straight lefts to the midsection, and right hooks to the jaw. Brent began retreating.

From the third round on, Shin came forward with sharp punches, stalking Brent and piling up the points. Brent took a lot of punishment, but kept moving and fighting on.

In the 11th canto, Shin floored the challenger with a barrage of punches. The bell came to Brent's rescue, and he went on his bicycle in the next round.

In the thirteenth, Shin caught his man, pinning Brent against the ropes with incessant combinations. Referee Wally Schmidt (Puerto Rico) declared a halt and raised Shin's arm.

After the 12th stanza, Thomas Everesto (Philippines) had it 120-104; Jun Coach (Australia) and Chin-Wun Chung (Korea) saw it 119-107 and 120-106, respectively—all in Hi-Sup's favor.

Shin, 21, bettered his credentials to 37-2-1 with 21 knockouts. Brent, 28, fell to 9-3 with five kayoes.

This was reportedly a tune-up for Shin's challenge against WBC kingpin Sot Chitalada in May or June. Shin will have to relinquish his IBF throne in order to qualify as a WBC challenger.

The Korean lefty received a purse of $32,000. Brent pocketed $9,000.

Shin may have a tougher time with Chitalada.

Chong-Hak Lee, 139, retained his Korean junior welterweight title when his scheduled 10-rounder with Hong-Kyu Lim, 139¾, was declared a technical draw midway in the seventh frame.

Lee is now 17-5-5 with four kayoes. Lim is 23-3-1 with 16 knockouts.

IBF witness—Bill Brennan (U.S.).
Ho-Yun Chun's World Promotions.
TV—KBS in Korea.
(11-22-86)

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**UNIVERSAL CITY—Sheraton Universal**—Charles Nwokolo (Young Dick Tiger), 148, Los Angeles, unloaded a right to the chin of charging Jaime Montano, also 148, Ciudad Obregon, Mexico, and dropped him for the count in 0:37 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Despite a badly injured hand and a cut left eye, puncher Montano (21-3, 21 knockouts) rallied gamely from the third. Nwokolo, who extended his winning run to 16 (13 kayoes), floored Mantano with a left in the second. Scoring through five: referee John Thomas 49-46; judge Dick Young, 48-47; both for Nwokolo; judge Kenny Davis, 47-47.

Elias Madrid, 140, Sylmar, won his 13th pro bout when he stopped David Guerra, 141, San Diego, in just 1:49 of a scheduled eight. Referee Davis called a halt after two knockdowns.

Otis Pimpleton, 149½, Las Vegas, avenged an earlier points loss when he unanimously outscored Eric McNair, 149, San Diego, six. Pimpleton (2-1-1) won the first four rounds. Scoring: referee Davis, 59-55; judge Thomas, 59-56; judge Young, 59-55.

Levi Billups, 222, San Diego, evened his record at 1-1 with a second round (2:37) stoppage of debuting Tony Crawford, 208, Oceanside, in a scheduled four. John Thomas, referee.

David Kilgour, 163¼, Encino, hammered out Domingo Nieves, 157, Sepulveda, in 1:07 of the second round in a scheduled four. Kilgour (1-1) floored debuting Nieves with a left at the bell ending the first. Kenny Davis, referee.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
John Liechty, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer
Harry Kabakoff, matchmaker.
Celebrity Promotions
(10-22-86)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Michael Nunn, 161, Sherman Oaks, knocked out Orlando Paulding, 159, Birmingham, with a southpaw left to the chin in 2:09 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Paulding (10-6-1) was up at eight, but referee Kenny Davis apparently misjudged the count of timekeeper Aaron Koslow. Nunn now has 19 straight wins.

Orlin Norris, 198, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Michael Bardwell, 228, Sacramento, six, all three officials scoring 59-55. Norris (5-1) gave his bigger opponent a boxing lesson. Robert Byrd, referee.

Milford Kemp, 163, Venice, shut out Anthony Holt, 164, Long Beach, over four. Gwen Adair, referee.

Tim Jones, 175½ needed only one punch to kayo favored Don Wilson, 175½, Beverly Hills, in 2:58 of the first round in a scheduled four. Wilson had been dominant. Robert Byrd, referee.

Debuting Charles Wilson, 162, Pasadena, was too strong for Cliff Jackson, 157, San Diego, and won unanimously, four. Scoring: referee Adair, 40-37; judge Davis, 39-37; judge Byrd, 40-36.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physicians.
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Daniel Goossen, promoter
(10-28-86)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Glenn Kennedy, 173½, West Covina, won the vacant California light heavyweight title with a split decision over favored Mike Sedillo, 175, Chico, in a dull 12. Neither boxer was willing to stand and fight. The 24-year-old Kennedy (12-3-1), a pro since 1981, had never had a fight longer than six rounds. The defensively skilled Sedillo, 26, has a 16-4 record. Scoring: referee Pat Connolly, 115-114, Kennedy; judge Lou Filippo, 115-114, Kennedy; judge Chuck Hhassett, 116-113, Sedillo.

In another upset, previously unbeaten Lee Sentinella, 162, Huntington Beach, was unanimously outpointed by southpaw Larry Musgrove, 161, Los Angeles, six. Musgrove (6-7-3) floored Sentinella (10-1-1) in the third after losing a point for a low blow in the second. Musgrove won by 59-53 on all cards, which meant he won every roung.

Tony Paisson 159, Pasadena, stopped Martin Love, 161, La Puente, 2:52 of the first of a scheduled six. Referee Filippo intervened when Paisson (6-2) began hitting Love (6-4) without reply.

Late substitute Levi Billups, 224, San Diego, knocked out debuting Isaac King, 220, San Bernardino, with a right in 2:20 of the first round in a scheduled four. Filippo, referee.

Gerardo Lopez, 140, Bell, won a four-round majority verdict over Lawrence Caver, 138, Los Angeles. Caver took a standing eight-count in the second. Scoring: referee Filippo, 39-36; judge Hassett, 39-36; judge Connolly, 38-38.

Bruce Pearson, 140, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed debuting Romero Morales, 138½, El Monte, four all three officials scoring 40-35. Morales was down in the third. Pat Connolly, referee.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Phil Carreon, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
John Cabrera, matchmaker.
Don Fraser, promoter.
(10-30-86)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Rene Arredondo, 141, Los Angeles, won an unimpressive 10-round unanimous decision over remarkable 39-year-old Saoul Mamby, 143, Bronx, New York, in an interesting battle of former WBC 140-pound champions. Arredondo (38-3) fought apprehensively in the first two rounds and was hit hard and often in the last two frames. But he got in some much needed distance work and won without question against a still useful clever veteran. Arredondo, 24, managed to floor Mamby (36-18-5) with a glancing right in the third. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 97-93; judge Lou Filippo, 97-93; judge Chuck Hassett, 96-93.

Bernardo Mercado, 240, Los Angeles, knocked out Jose Luiz Gonzalez, 220, Nuevo Laredo, with a sharp right to the chin in 1:04 of the first round in their scheduled 10-round mismatch. Referee John Thomas completed the count. Mercado is now 30-4.

Fernando Guzman, 130, Los Angeles, won a majority decision over Frank Fazio, 128¾, Mountain View, over eight ragged rounds. Guzman (9-0) controlled the first half of the fight. The mauling Fazio (10-4) finished strong. Scoring: referee Filippo, 76-76; judge Moret, 78-75; judge Hassett, 77-75.

Octavio Robles, 147, Mexico City, unanimously outpointed Eric McNair, 147, San Diego, in a hard fought six. Scores were not announced, but Mexican Olympian Robles (7-1) won nearly every round. Lou Filippo, referee.

Oscar Pena, 148, Laredo, gradually increased the pressure until he floored and stopped Eddie Johnson, 149¾, San Luis Obispo, in 2:05 of the third round in a scheduled six. Southpaw Pena (7-1-1) is unbeaten in two Los Angeles starts. John Thomas, referee.

Unbeaten Felipe Fuentes, 139½, Mexico City, TKO'd Jose Luis Hernandez, 140, Los Angeles, at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Hernandez was never off his feet, but absorbed plenty of punishment. John Thomas, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Rogelio Robles, promoter and matchmaker.
(11-06-86)

▶**LONG BEACH—Spruce Goose Dome**—ESPN bantamweight champion Darrell Thigpen, 124½, Los Angeles, stopped late substitute Louis Hernandez, 124½, Redlands, on a badly cut left eye at 1:24 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Thigpen (13-4) won three of the four completed rounds, but was floored in the third. Hernandez (6-6-4) was scheduled to fight a six-round undercard bout but stepped in when world ranked main eventer Jaime Garza withdrew because of the flu. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Anthony Holt, 160, Long Beach, won a very close majority decision over Charles Wilson, 162, Pasadena, four. Scoring: referee Gwen Adair, 39-37; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 39-37; judge Chuck Hassett, 38-38.

Unbeaten John Armijo, 158½, Huntington Beach, easily clobbered debuting James Fenderson, 160, Los Angeles, in 1:25 of the second round in their scheduled four. Referee Jen-Kin counted out Fenderson.

Levi Billups, 223, San Diego, overwhelmed Zeke Thompson, 208, Long Beach, who retired in his corner at the end of the first round in another scheduled four. Thompson was down twice. James Jen-Kin, referee.

Gerardo Nava, 136, Anaheim, improved on an earlier draw by winning a four-round majority decision over Robert Lewis, 136, Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 38-38; judge Hassett, 39-37; judge Adair, 39-37.

Roberto Lopez, 115¾, Glendale, knocked out Margarito Arreola, 119, Los Angeles, in 1:21 of the fourth and final round. Arreola was floored once in the first and three times in the fourth by body punches. Lopez was down in the second. Gwen Adair, referee.

Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician.
Phil Carreon, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter and matchmaker.
(11-11-86)

▶**UNIVERSAL CITY—Universal Sharaton**—Felipe Canela, 146½, Alhambra, retained his California State welterweight title for the second time with a unanimous 12-round decision over previously unbeaten Young Dick Tiger, 147, Los Angeles. The scores were close (referee Rudy Jordan, 115-114; judge Kenny Davis, 115-113; judge Dick Young, 116-112), but Canela (24-5-3) won clearly. The defending champion hit harder and surprisingly matched Tiger (16-1) in hand speed.

Rigo Lopez, 148, El Cajon, won a split 10-round decision over Tiger's Nigerian stablemate, Davison Andeh, 147, Los Angeles. Lopez (16-2) was not in top condition and barely hung on to his lead in the final three rounds. Andeh, a former Commonwealth lightweight champ, fell to 19-4. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 97-93, Andeh; judge Jordan, 98-94, Lopez; judge Young, 96-94, Lopez.

David Kilgour, 164½, Encino and Kola Havea, 165½, Riverside, stood and traded heavy leather until Havea fell in 1:58 of the second round in a scheduled four. Kenny Davis, referee.

Clinton Bonds, 220, Los Angeles, controversially outpointed Levi Billups, 224¼, San Diego, six. Billups floored Bonds in the second and outhustled him in most rounds, yet was on the short end of the verdict. Scoring: referee Davis, 57-56, Bonds; judge Young, 58-55, Bonds; judge Byrd, 57-56, Billups.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Harry Kabakoff, matchmaker.
Celebrity Promotions.
(11-14-86)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Yogi Buchanan, 135, Berkley, Missouri, spectacularly kayoed Alvin Hayes, 135, Detroit, in 1:28 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10 to advance to the finals of The Forum lightwieght tournament. Buchanan (16-4-1), eight inches shorter but stronger than the slender Hayes, attacked the hard-hitting favorite and won every round before scoring the first of four knockdowns with 0:30 remaining in the fifth. Referee Dr. James Jen-Kin intervened after Hayes (27-3) collapsed for the third time in round six.

Jesse Shelby, 175, Ft. Worth, destroyed the comeback hopes of J.B. Williamson, 174, Los Angeles, who was stumbling helplessly around the ring when he was rescued by referee Vince Delgado at 2:20 of the eighth of a one-sided scheduled 10-round Forum tournament bout. It was the third consecutive defeat for the former WBC light heavyweight champion. Williamson (22-4) looked awful, his legs betraying him even in the first round. Shelby (15-3-1) scored the only knockdown in the third.

Uriah Grant, 175, Miami, impressively advanced to the semi-finals of The Forum light heavyweight tournament by pounding out a TKO victory over game Arthel Lawhorne, 175, Detroit, in 1:37 of the tenth and final round. It was a gruelling fight with Grant (11-3) dominating. But Lawhorn (15-11-2) just grinned when stunned and fought back until his legs went out and he went down in the eighth. Lou Moret, referee.

Kenny Wyatt, 131, Los Angeles, soundly outpointed switch-hitter Lamart Baker, 130, Las Vegas, six. Baker (5-10) was down in the fourth. Wyatt (6-0-1) is ready to move up in class. Raul Caiz, referee.

Keith Potts, 141, Pomona, shut out durable Rosenberg Rosas, 142, Los Angeles, in a six-round battle of southpaws. Potts is now 10-3-1. Tony Guitron, referee.

Ruben Bajo, 117, East Los Angeles, flattened debuting Frank Lopez, 118, Oxnard, in 1:58 of the third round in a scheduled four. The much taller Bajo (2-0) was down and in trouble late in the first. Lopez was floored and out on his feet late in the second. Raul Caiz, referee.

Ramon Vallejos, 162, Pacific Palisades, won a split decision over Ondrade Williams, 159, Los Angeles, in a wild free-swinging four. Scoring: referee Guitron, 39-37, Vallejos; judge Dick Young, 39-37, Vallejos; judge Vince Delgado, 39-37, Williams.

Derrick Hudson, 136, Bakersfield, exposed the limitations of

previously unbeaten Joe Alonzo, 134, Montebello, over four shut out rounds. Alonzo was down in the second and took a beating Lou Moret, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon. Jr. Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Antonio Curtis, matchmaker.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(11-18-86)

▶**RESEDA—Country Club**—Michael Nunn, 160, Sherman Oaks, won a lopsided unanimous 12-round decision over defending champion Alex Ramos, 160, Downey, to win the California State middleweight title. Nunn (20-0) was totally dominant. Ramos, frustrated by the hand speed and movement of the southpaw Nunn, was fortunate to win one round on one of three official cards. Ramos (25-5-2) tried to pressure, but failed to generate any offense. Lou Filippo, referee.

Frank Fazio, 130, Mt. View, gave a hard hitting performance to stop favored Rocky Cazares, 130, 1-2, Blythe, at 2:52 of the third round in a scheduled si. Not known as a puncher, Fazio (11-4) floored Cazares (9-2-1) in the first and then unloaded a series of hooks in the third to force the intervention of referee Rudy Jordan.

Dino Garza, 127, Granada Hills, made a successful professional debut by winning a unanimous decision over Russell Mosley, 128, Campo, in a close four. Scoring: referee Jordan, 39-38; judge Gwen Adair, 39-37; judge Dick Young, 40-36.

Orlin Norris, 202, Campo, unanimously outpointed veteren King David Smith, 195, Los Angeles, four. A pro for 16 years, Smith (13-27-5) still gives Young prospects such as Norris (6-1) a good workout. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Unbeaten Terry Norris, 148, Campo scored a repeat four-round points victory over Carlos Gutierrez, 149, Venice. Winless Gutierrez was down in the third and lost unanimously. Adair, referee.

Tino Leon, 162, Visalia,, and Tony Holt, 160, Long Beach, fought to a four-round draw. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Debuting Lang McGowan, 152, Los Angeles, kayoed Mike Galarza, 150, Santa Maria, in 0:55 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee Adair counted out Galarza.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Michael Buffer, ring announcer.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
ESPN TV, Daniel Goossen, promoter.
(11-21-86)

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Greg Puente, 129, Alhambra, won a hard fought 12-round split decision over Francisco Segura, 129, Coachella, to take the vacant California State junior lightweight Title. Puente's excellent win avenged an equally close split loss to Segura (10-2) on September 25. The well-matched fighters traded rounds evenly on *The Ring* scorecard. But the more effective hitting of Puente (8-1-4) influenced the scoring of referee Larry Rozadilla (115-114) and judge Chuck Hassett (115-113). Judge Fritz Werner favored Segura (116-115).

John Armijo, 159,½, Huntington Beach, and Milton Bush, 161¾, La Habra, fought to a draw when Bush (2-4-2) floored and nearly stopped Armijo (3-0-1) in a thrilling sixth and final round. Armijo hurt Bush in every round and deserved to win a close decision. Scoring: referee Werner, 59-56, Armijo: judge Hassett, 57-56, Bush; judge Rozadilla, 57-57.

Rod Starks, 152, Huntington Beach, held on to edge Cliff Jackson, 153, San Diego,a by four-round majority decision. Scoring: referee Werner 38-38; judge Hassett, 40-36; judge Rozadilla, 39-37.

Once-beaten Bruce Pearson, 140, Los Angeles, floored wide-open Miguel Miranda, 143¾, Los Angeles, in the second, and won unanimously, four. Fritz Werner, referee.

Unbeaten late substitute Andres Meza, 126, South El Monte, stopped inexperienced Francisco Jimenez, 125 3/4, Los Angeles, who retired at the end of the third round in a scheduled four after taking a bad beating. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Robert Lewis, 136, Los Angeles, and Oscar Ornelas, 135, Commerce, drew in a very good four. Lewis (2-2-3) has two draws and one win in his three fight series with Ornelas (0-2-2). Scoring: referee Werner, 39-38, Ornelas, judge Hassett, 39-37, Lewis; judge Rozadilla, 38-38.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Phil Carreon, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, John Cabbera, matchmakers.
Don Fraser, promoter.

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Walter Sims, 135, Van Nuys, narrowly outpointed Joey Olivera, 135, Pasadena, to advance to the finals of The Forum lightweight tournament. Ringsiders almost unanimously favored Olivera, (17-9-1) had Sims in trouble in the third and took the early rounds. Sims (21-3-2) was never sharp, but recovered to outwork and back up Olivera in the second half of the fight. The official scoring (referee Lou Moret, 97-93; judge Dick Young, 96-93; judge Chuck Hassett, 96-94) was suprisingly one-sided. The bout was a draw on *The Ring* scorecard.

Ramzi Hassan, 174, Campo , threw more punches to win an upset unanimous 10-round decision over world rated Kelvin Kelly, 173, Philadelphia, in a Forum light heavyweight tournament quarter final Bout. Kelly (14-2), ranked number 14 by the WBC, floored Hassan (20-2) in the fifth, but just didn't fight hard enough and faded over the last four rounds. Scoring: referee Raul Cais, 96-94; judge Hassett, 96-93; judge Yound, 95-94.

Robert Folley, 175, Irvington, New Jersey, held off a rally by previously unbeaten Frankie Swindell, 173, Nashville, to advance to the semi-finals of the light heavyweight tournament on a split 10-round decision. Swindell (11-1) started slowly, and did not get in the fight until the fifth round. By the 10th, Swindell was nearly even on the official cards, but it was Folley (15-2) who boxed impressively in the final round to secure the victory. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 96-95, Swindell; judge Young, 96-94, Folley; judge Hassett, 96-94, Folley.

Forum favorite Grover Robinson, 175½, Fremont, stopped Nigerian Jerry Okorodudu, 174½, Hollywood, in 1:29 of the ninth rond in an entertaining scheduled 10. The stocky Okorodudu punished and rocked Robinson (32-11) with combinations, but the former Forum light heavyweight champ would not quit. Okorodudu (10-3) began to wilt in the seventh and was out on his feet when he was rescued. Scoring through eight: referee Vince Delgado, 77-75; judge Hassett, 76-76; judge Young, 76-76.

Andre Smith, 127½, Los Angeles, TKO'd Armando Baeza, 129, Norwalk, who retired in his corner at the end of the second round in a bloody scheduled five. Both were cut on the left eye and in danger of losing until Smith (6-0) floored Baeza (6-2-1) with a right in the closing seconds of the second. Raul Caiz, referee.

Willie Wilson, 162, Campo, took his unbeaten record to five with a four-round shut out decision over Tino Leon, 162½, Visalia. Leon (3-1-2) was down in the second. John Thomas, referee.

Unbeaten Terry Norris, 149, Campo, kept pace with stablemate Wilson by clearly outscoring aggressive Lang McGowan, 147, Los Angeles, four, John Thomas, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Tony Curtis, matchmaker.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(12-3-86)

▶**UNVERSAL CITY—Sheraton Universal Hotel**—African and Nigerian Welterweight champion Young Dick Tiger, 148, Hollywood, knocked out Philippines champion Dionisio Castillo, 148½, Honolulu, in 2:58 of the second in a scheduled 10. Tiger (17-2) floored Castillo (12-5-4) three times in the second. John Thomas, referee.

Four-round preliminary fighter Robert Lewis, 138, Los Angeles, stunningly kayoed overprotected Elias Madrid, 139, Sylmar, in 2:17 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Lewis (3-2-3) took the fight on a few hours' notice. Referee Thomas counted out the previously unbeaten but inactive Madrid (13-1-1).

Carlos Manzano, 119 1/2, San Pedro, and Oscar Chavarria, 119, Los Angeles, fought to a disappointing technical draw in 0:59 of the fifth in a punishing scheduled eight. Manzano (11-4-3) and Chavarria (3-1-2) were even on points when Manzano was cut under and over the right eye by a head clash. Pat Connolly, referee.

Rod Starks, 151 1/2, Huntington Beach, was awarded a technical win over Otis Pimpleton, 150, Las Vegas, at the end of the second round in a scheduled six. Starks (7-7-3), ahead on points, was badly gashed over the right eye by a head butt. Pat Connolly, referee.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Harry Kabakoff, matchmaker.
Celebrity Productions, promoter
(12-09-86)

▶**LONG BEACH—Spruce Goose Dome**—Former WBC super bantamweight champion Jaime Garza, 128, Alhambra, scored is fourht straight comeback win when he stopped outclassed Mexican veteran Carlos Linares, 127, Los Angeles, at 0:25 of the fifth a scheduled 10. The hard hitting Garza (44-1, with 42 kayoes) impressively won every round, gradually increasing the pressures before flooring Linares (24-13) twice in the fourth. Pat Connolly, referee.

In an upset, Robert Jackson, 158½, Los Angeles, knocked out Tony Paisson, 162, Pasadena, in 2:16 of the first round in a scheduled six. Robert Byrd, referee.

Levi Billups, 224, San Diego, had to settle for a split verdict over one-time prospect Mike Gans, 250, Long Beach, in a good heavyweight six that Billups should have won unanimously. Scoring: referee Byrd, 59-56, Gans; judge Kenny Davis, 58-56, Billups; judge Connolly, 58-56, Billups.

Tony Chicoine, 162, Orange, pounded Tom Lillard, 165, Pasadena, to a two-knockdown stoppage defeat in 2:45 of the second round in scheduled four. Kenny Davis, referee.

Mano Morua, 135, La Puente, returned after six years of inactivity and won a four-round split decision over Gerardo Nava, 132¼, Anaheim. Scoring: referee Byrd, 39-37, Morua; judge Connolly, 39-37, Morua; judge David, 39-37; Nava.

Bruce Pearson, 140, Los Angeles, stopped Javier De La Cruz, 140¼, Los Angeles, in 1:44 of the second round in a scheduled four, referee Davis intervening after De La Cruz had been spun around by a right hand. Improving Pearson (5-1) scored a first round knockdown.

A first round knockdown was the difference in a hard fought four round unanimous win for Ruben Blackwell, 157, Los Angeles, over Tony Holt, 158, Long Beach. Scoring: referee Davis, 38-37; judge Connolly, 38-37; judge Byrd, 39-36.

Dr. Michael Deluca, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.
Don Fraser, promoter and matchmaker.
(12-10-86)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Convention Center**—Cuban lightweight contender Irleis (Cubanito) Perez, 141, won a hard fought split decision over formerly undefeated Steve Larrimore, 136, Bahamas, 10.

Perez, cut over the left eye, won on the strength of his superior infighting. The Cuban started fast, winning the first two rounds, but Larrimore came back to outbox Perez in the middle frames. Cubanito had big eighth and ninth rounds and the 10th frame was a stand-off, with both men exhausted. Scoring: Mark Scheckner and Ed Levin, 96-94 and 96-95, respectively, for Perez. Stu Winston had it 97-93, Larrimore. Eddie Eckert refereed. Perez is now 33-2. Larrimore is 16-1. It was a close one.

Uriah Grant, 176, Jamaica, TKO'd Manuel Murillo, 172½, Colombia, at 0:32 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Referee Eckert stopped the contest with Murillo helpless on the ropes.

Mark Korbut, 127½, Hallandale, won a unanimous decision over Edgar Muniz, also 127½, Hallandale, won a unanimous decision over Edgar Muniz, also 127½, Mexico. Bernie Soto refereed.

James Johnson, 151, Key Largo, TKO'd Jorge Fannas, 149, Miami, at 2:02 of the third round in a scheduled six. Johnson, floored in the first and seconds rounds, rallied, and referee Bill Connors stopped the bout with the Key Largo boxer landing one right hand after another.

Javier Muniz, 135¼, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Jose Cabrera, 130¼, Nicaragua, four. Eddie Eckert refereed.

Elvis Yero, 150, Miami, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Jose Perez, 145¾, Colombia, four. Bernie Soto, referee.

Promoter — Walter Alvarez.
Matchmaker — Frankie Otero.
Attendance — 1,200 (estimated).
(12-19-86)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

LOUISIANA

▶**METAIRIE—Landmark Hotel**—John (Super D) Duplessis, 137½, New Orleans, scored the biggest win of his still young career with a unanimous decision over Edwin Curet, 139, Brockton, Mass., 10.

Duplessis moved around the ring, threw quick counterpunches, and tied his man up when he had to. Curet was so frustrated that he tried to hit Duplessis after the final bell. Super D replied in kind, and the boxers' managers entered the ring to separate the two.

"I'm thinking title now," said Duplessis. "This should put me in the ratings, and I expect to get a title fight next year."

Referee Lucien Joubert carded 8-1-1, judged Peter Giarrusso had it 6-2-2, and judge Ernie Cojoe scored it 8-0-2. The 20-year-old Duplessis is now 22-0 with 15 kayoes. Curet is 20-5-1.

Tyrone Moore, 148¾, Tampa, Fla., TKO'd Tim Rabon, 147, Metairie, in the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Moore was taking a beating on the ropes when a right hand counterpunch put the taller Rabon on his back. Rabon beat the count and did not go down again, but referee Peter Giarrusso stepped in at 1:33 of the round. Moore is now 26-4-1 with 23 knockouts. Rabon is 10-2-1.

Dominick Carter, 168½, Metairie, knocked out James Roberts, 167, Pensacola, Fla., in the second round of a scheduled six.

Southpaw Robert Geipert, 125½, Gretna, La., floored Billy Thomas, 128¾, Pensacola, with a left cross in the first en route to a unanimous decision, four.

New Orleans' Raphael Duquestrada won a majority decision over Kim Tunson, four, featherweights.
(12-11-86)

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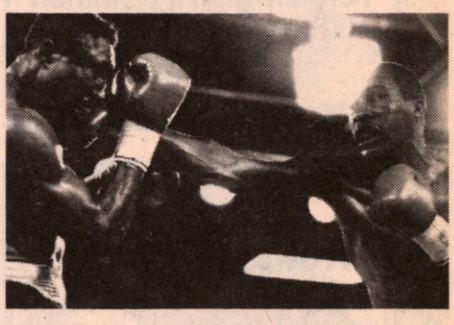

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Milton McCrory tags Jorge Amparo with a right to the face during their spirited 10-rounder at the Showboat. McCrory won a unanimous, but unpopular, decision.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Milton McCrory doesn't have "rabbit ears," and he recently proved it against a ridiculously derisive crowd at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

The 25-year-old former World Boxing Council welterweight champion from Detroit had all but punched a shutout against rugged Jorge Amparo of New York in Top Rank's 10-round ESPN main event, but it didn't satisfy the public.

Try as he may, McCrory couldn't give the crowd the knockout it demanded, so the catcalls were long and loud after seven rounds, the span of action thoroughly dominated by the ex-champion.

Amparo had a mild if ineffectual rally in the eighth and ninth rounds, triggering a misguided loyalty for a fighter who was hopelessly behind. McCrory, 158½, was spent trying to take out his man in the 10th, but the best was behind him in raising his record to 27-1-1 with 19 kayoes.

The judges had an easy night, Lou Tabat voting 98-91, Dave Moretti 98-93, and Jerry Roth 97-93. *The Ring* tab was 98-92 for the winner.

"In America, the crowd always favors the underdog, so I'm not upset," McCrory declared. "Amparo shook me with a right in the eighth or ninth round, but my condition carried me through.

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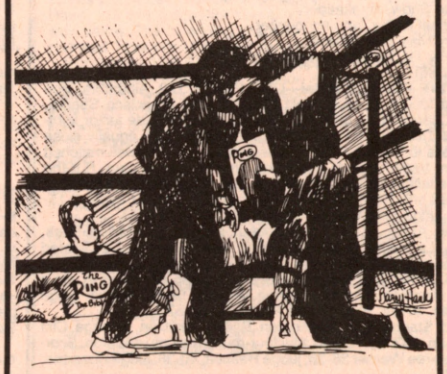

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He gave me a tough fight but he definitely didn't win it.

"Amparo was very tough because I did everything to kayo him. He's hard to hit because he fights in a squat and leans away from the right hand. What makes Amparo difficult is that when you finish a combination he's right back at you and you have to start again. Fortunately, my legs carried me well."

Emanuel Steward, the winner's manager/trainer, was impressed with McCrory's effort and hopes to lock up a crack at Buster Drayton's International Boxing Federation junior middleweight crown on the Marvelous Marvin Hagler-Sugar Ray Leonard world middleweight title card April 6 at Caesars Palace.

"Milton was trying to set Amparo up with a left hook. Going in, I knew it would be a physical fight," Steward said. "McCrory was in great shape and it showed. Had he been in lesser shape, he might have been stopped himself because he did get tired in the last round.

"Everyone knows that Milton is one of the purest boxers and no one doubts his ability in that area. Now we're going to have to develop him physically if he's going to start fighting middleweights."

The only blight on Milton's ledger came when he was kayoed in two rounds by Donald Curry to unify the 147-pound crown. The one-time high school baseballer hasn't forgotten it.

"It's like starting all over again," said McCrory, who decisioned Keith Adams and Doug DeWitt earlier in the year. "I'm never going to erase that loss. I just try to forget about it and go on. I can not afford to lose another fight right now."

Amparo, 159¾, came west undefeated for the year, having decisioned Art Bayliss July 10 in New York and Kevin Watts October 2 in Atlantic City. A crafty boxer, Amparo represented the Dominican Republic in the 1976 Montreal Olympics and is best remembered for a 10-round draw with then number one middleweight contender James (The Heat) Kinchen on September 26, 1984.

In the best action of the night, Mauro Diaz, 117½, Montebello, Calif., scored a TKO victory over game Joey Roach, 118, Las Vegas, at 28 seconds of the seventh round in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Diaz, raising his record to 16-4, hurt Roach, now 10-2-3 with three kayoes, in the first round, apparently breaking his nose, a condition which had the youngster bleeding freely until the abbreviated finish invoked by referee Joey Curtis.

Diaz dropped Roach for the only time in the seventh round and trainer Jimmy Montoya jumped into the ring before the referee could start the count.

Ricky Lehman, 141, Phoenix, Ariz., gained a hard-earned eight-round decision over Bobby Garcia, 141, Bell Garden, Calif., despite a cut right eye. Lehman's log moves to 15-5 with nine kayoes, while Garcia fell to 10-8 with four knockouts.

Israel Cole, 161, Las Vegas, stopped debuting Ricky Berroa, 161½, New York, on a TKO at 2:52 of the second round in a slated four.

Marcellus Allen, 173¾, Las Vegas, made it two straight with a four-round decision over Cal Jackson, 174, Vallejo, Calif.

Bill Wright, 225½, West Jordan, Utah, stopped Hector Fernandez, 185, National City, Calif., on a TKO at 2:13 of the first.
(11-26-86)

PHOTO BY LINDA PLATT

Kenny Snow (left) pulls away from a left hook thrown by Darryl Spain during their scheduled 12-rounder in Las Vegas. Snow TKO'd Spain in the 10th to win the ESPN middleweight belt.

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat**—Kenny Snow gave himself an early Christmas present after acquiring some serious responsibilities for the future.

The 22-year-old Snow, a native of Tyler, Texas, responded to Las Vegas' reputation as the boxing capital of the world even before TKOing Cleveland's Darryl Spain in the 10th round to become ESPN's national middleweight champion at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

Such a relocation required a healthy down payment, since the bachelor Texan selected a split-level domicile out on Tropicana Boulevard valued at $110,000.

Taking out the game but outgunned Spain at 2:46 of the 10th round was worth the exercise for Snow. He received $5,000, plus a $1,000 bonus, and keys to a 1987 Buick automobile. Spain, who won the eastern regional tourney, also earned $5,000 as a finalist.

The victory improved Snow's ledger to 26-3 with 17 kayoes, and virtually assured strong consideration from ratings committees for a spot in the 160-pound division's Top Ten contenders.

Snow has now won three in a row locally since debuting July 11 with an eight-round decision over Tim Williams in the western semi-final. Kenny locked up the regional diadem in his last start, August 5, with a 10-round decision over Charles Campbell.

Now on a roll of 11 wins in his last 12 efforts, Snow, 159½, bided his time against Spain, 158½, who tried to keep the pressure on with a flailing, erratic offense.

Hearing the fans' vocal displeasure, Snow got serious in the eighth round with a 17-punch sequence of hooks and jabs which moved Spain from corner to corner. Spain was hurt and trying to hold, but did not go down.

Snow's best offering was a double hook to the head and body and such shots had the Ohio gamer repeatedly trying to hold.

Spain tried an ineffective rally early in the 10th, but Snow continually punished him with those body shots. Spain lunged in desperation to score, but the Texas whiz hurt him again with two left-right combinations.

Spain reeled into the ropes and took a six-punch salvo to the head. As the eastern champion reeled to his right, Snow nailed him with two left-right combos to the head, prompting referee Jim Molinell to halt the action.

When the end came, Snow was comfortably in front on all scorecards—Lou Tabat, 87-84; Paul Smith, 88-84; and Patricia Jarman, 89-82. *The Ring* tab was 89-83. Spain's record dipped to 13-9, with 10 kayoes.

"I felt a little rusty early, since I had not fought since beating Campbell," Snow admitted. "But I also took my time because I felt Spain was stronger than me in the early rounds. I wanted to give him a chance to punch himself out. Once I got going, I was surprised how easy he was to hit. The Williams fight was much tougher. I know I had Spain hurt several times and I was surprised they didn't stop it."

In an exciting junior lightweight semi-windup, undefeated Genaro Hernandez, 130½, West Covina, Calif., had too big an arsenal in scoring a unanimous 10-round decision over Detroit's J.L. Ivey, 130½.

Hernandez improved his log to 12-0 with five kayoes, having made his Vegas debut on September 12 with a classy 10-round decision over then unbeaten Lupe Miranda at the Sahara. Ivey's record fell to 18-6, all decisions.

There were no knockdowns, but Hernandez mixed hooks and jabs and his superior height and reach to keep the Kronk gym protege off balance. Hernandez rocked Ivey with a five-punch salvo in the ninth and had a big finish in the 10th with no less than five combinations to the head. Both fighters scaled 130½.

Anthony Jones, 141, Detroit, appeared lucky to remain undefeated in gaining a six-round decision over Keith Potts, 140¼, West Covina, Calif., in bell-to-bell action. The Kronk gym youngster improved his record to 11-0 with five kayoes while Potts dipped to 7-2 with five knockouts.

Ernest Curtis, 152½, Los Angeles, scored a unanimous six-round decision over Dwight Lockman, 153, Tyler Texas, extending his record to 9-1 with six kayoes. Lockman is now 9-1-1 with eight knockouts, having suffered his first loss.

Ed Duffy, 167½, Las Vegas scored his fifth TKO victory in a row when he repeated an earlier win over Jorge Moreno, 714, National City, Calif., this time at 1:16 of the second round. Moreno is now 1-2 with one knockout.

Gary Martin, 153, Detroit, is now 12-1, six kayoes, having TKO'd Los Angeles' Kenny Wyatt, 131½, at 2:59 of the third round in a slated six. Wyatt is now 6-1, five kayoes.
(12-12-86)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY — Resorts Int.**—In honor of the Thanksgiving holiday, HBA East treated fans to a feast of action, served up with an extra helping of white meat.

In a hard hitting 10, Diamond Jim MacDonald, 174¾, Gains, Mich., via Detroit, TKO'd Iron Mike Costello, 174¾, Bronx via White Plains, at 0:51 of the eighth. MacDonald's favorite move is to entice a left lead, rock back, and fire a straight right counter as the opponent falls into it. After dropping the first two rounds, the strategy worked in the third, as Costello was cannonaded to the floor just short of the bell. An unimaginative, but determined, worker, Mike forged his way back into the fight, and won the fans, until the same shot dropped him in the eighth. Costello struggled up, but ref Tony Perez stopped the fight to a chorus of boos. At the time, Ron Burns had MacDonald ahead, 67-64, and Al DeVito had him leading 67-65. William Kostrub had Costello, 67-65.

In a splendid contest, touted Glenwood Brown, 141½, Plainfield, N.J., showed he's for real, beating never-say-die Victor Davis, 142¼, Washington, D.C., by unanimous decision, six. Brown's aggressive, snappy combinations were too much for the standup boxer, who was blasted to the canvas by a left hook late in the third. Both fighters were cut in a bitterly fought fourth before Davis was rocked and suffered a standing eight. Victor wouldn't give up, and actually came on late in the fight. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Underdog John Keys, 162, Baltimore., outclassed brawling Bob Wasielewski, 165¾, Bayonne, N.J., before getting rocked late in the fifth and surviving a shelling in the final round to hold onto a majority win, six. Tony Perez, referee.

Anthony LaQuatra, 118¾, Pittsburgh, was too classy for debuting Armenian southpaw Danny (Boy) Marderosian, 117½, Livonia, Mich., via Detroit, scoring a shutout win in a lively four. Tony Perez, referee.

In a virtual non-fight, slugger Ken Simmons, 176½, Port Jefferson, N.Y., tried to turn boxer, and so confused brawler John Garwood, 175¾, Newark, Del, that Simmons was awarded a questionable unanimous verdict, four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Promoters — HBA East, Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmakers — Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.
Attendance — 350 (estimated).
Timekeeper — Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer — Ed Derian.
(11-26-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—Roger Mayweather continues to turn up like a bad penny, while Sammy Fuentes is beginning to look like a wooden nickel. Despite some serious setbacks, Mayweather, 135, Las Vegas, showed he's not ready to be written off, as he looked sharp TKOing Fuentes, 134½, Loiza, P.R., after nine rounds of a scheduled 12. Roger managed to lean away and get his shoulder in the path of Sammy's looping right, always Mayweather's nemesis. Fuentes did land some solid left hooks, but that's never been Roger's weak spot. Otherwise, the Puerto Rican was barely able to win a round, and took a solid drubbing. Fuentes pulled out all stops in the fourth in an effort to swing the tide, but the long-armed Mayweather proved surprisingly effective on the inside.

Thereafter, Sammy faded, until a clash of heads angered Roger in the ninth. The indignant Mayweather banged over three straight rights, got on a roll, drove Fuentes to the strands with a scorching body attack, then dropped him to his knees with left and right uppercuts. Sammy gamely scrambled out of the round, but had second thoughts while in the safety of his corner. The win gave Roger his fourth crown of one sort or another, the spurious WBC Continental Americas lightweight title. Tony Orlando refereed.

Calvin Grove, 127, Coatesville, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Aristides Acevedo, 128, Aguadilla, P.R., in an entertaining 10. The skilled Grove can outbox an opponent to the point of boredom, but the lively Aristides didn't afford Calvin that luxury. Acevedo got off to a lead with an unorthodox attack, so that Grove had to play catch-up. But once he did, Calvin took control, with Acevedo dropped and saved by the bell in the sixth. Tony Orlando, referee.

Tyrone Frazier, 165¼, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Jerome Johnson, 163½l, Jackson, N.J., in a lacklustre six. Paul Venti, referee.

Marcell Triplett, 147¾, Fayetteville, N.C., gained a just but unpopular split verdict over Miguel Narvaez, 147, Naguabo, PR, in an action six. Triplett got careless and suffered a surprise knockdown in the second, but came back to cut and batter the gritty Narvaez before nearly frittering it away with hotdogging. Paul Venti, referee.

Promoters — Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker — Ron Katz.
Attendance — 800 (estimated).
Judges — Charlie Spina, Frank Brunette, Richard F. Murry.
Timekeeper — Art Spell.
Ring Announcer — Ed Derian.
(11-28-86)

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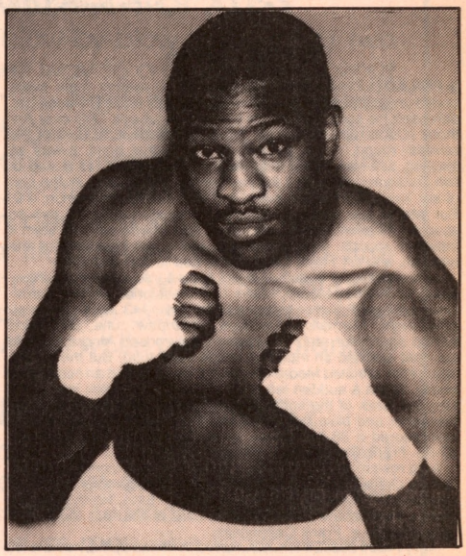

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Smokin' Bert Cooper continued his winning ways with a TKO over Carlos Hernandez in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel-Casino**—Smokin' Bert Cooper, 200½, Philadelphia, put Carlos Hernandez, 202½, Union City, N.J., down three times en route to a TKO win at 1:04 of round eight in a scheduled 10. The result was pretty much expected, but preceding events were most certainly not.

For openers, it was Hernandez who came out smokin', matching Cooper punch-for-punch in mid-ring exchanges. Only a point deduction in round two for excessive low blows marred his fast start. The penalty may have been a little excessive in itself.

Late in the fourth, Hernandez let loose with a left-right to the body; but Cooper was quick to seize the opening over the last punch and let fly a left hook that dropped Carlos flat on his back. Somehow managing to pull himself upright at eight, a wobbley Hernandez got a good look-see fromreferee Joe O'Neil.

It was here that chief ringside physician Frank Doggett, thinking the bout finished, entered the ring, coming to the aid of the stricken boxer. Hold and behold however, O'Neil had not waved

the fight over, and while Cooper's people celebrated, the doctor yielded to O'Neil's decision and the ring had to be cleared to let matters continue.

Carlos needed every bit of that confusion time to rest up; the bell ending the round came before Cooper could cash in. Round five brought unadulterated fireworks, as Cooper came out for the kill and Hernandez joined in for survival's sake. No legs? It was wild and wooly, potential double knockdown, edge of seat excitement time. Who's round? Who cared!

Six and seven saw a drastic slowdown—Cooper spent, Hernandez still wounded. Hernandez at least had clarity enough to stick and move—as best he could—thus winning both rounds on all three official cards—as well as that of *The Ring*.

By round eight, Bert had had enough time to recharge, and Carlos was still on tentative pins. Chopping rights by Bert rattled his foe, putting him down near the ropes. Up he got, but it wasn't long before he was down again, with O'Neil calling it a night the moment Carlos touched the canvas.

After seven, Hernandez had a 67-66 lead on the card of Milo Savage, and it was 66-66 all from John Potjurai and Eva Shain.

As the old saying goes, there's a sucker born every minute. Case in point. Hammerin' Henry Milligan, 177½, Wilmington, Dela., played sucker to that rarest of punches, the left uppercut. Intended victim, Frank Minton, 176½, Indianapolis, middleweight, turned light heavy, found an oh-so-easy home on the chin of the cruiserweight turned light heavy.

Henry came across the solution early on; and proceeded to dismantle Milligan in four rounds. The capper to it all was a final stunning chin lifting uppercut that had Henry doing a canvas dance. A badly bleeding beak—getting worse each round—was the reason ringside docs entered the ring, stating Henry had a possible fractured nose. It thereby became a TKO-4 win (not out for round five) for Minton. The scheduled ten was refereed by Rudy Battle.

Comebacking Angel Sindo, 155½, Deptford, N.J., always in a good scrap, shook off the early right hand bombs of lanky Khalif Shabazz, 153, Hartford, Conn., and proceeded to grit his teeth and storm the body to successfully wear down his foe for a unanimous six-round decision. Scores: Savage, 58-57, Shain, 59-55, and Potjurai, 58-54. The referee was Battle. *The Ring* had it 59-56, Sindo.

Julio Merino, 143½, Newark, N.J., took a four-round unanimous decision over Hakki Gulmez, 146½, Paulsboro, N.J. (originally from Turkey). Joe O'Neil, referee.

Tracey Harris Patterson, 128, New Paltz, N.Y., used one left hook to knock out Felix Cortez, 129, Hartford, in just 0:56 of round one in a scheduled six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.

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(12-02-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—**A rip-roaring main event ended unsatisfactorily, as Marvin Garris, 135, North Philadelphia, defended his state lightweight title with a cut-eye TKO over Anthony (Cobra) Williams, 135, West Philadelphia, at 0:48 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12. Up to that point, it was an exciting, see-saw battle, with neither in command, as a step or two distance determined the momentary advantage. At the end of six, two judges had it even, and one had the champion, 4-2. But late in that session, Williams suffered a cut right eye so severe that even premier cut man Eddie Aliano couldn't stem it between rounds. The challenger came out bleeding for the seventh, and ref Frank Cappuccino had to halt it quickly.

An unpromising match of styles turned into a hot local showdown, as Rodney Moore, 141¾, N. Philadelphia, won a controversial split verdict over Anthony DeShields, 143, North Philadelphia, eight. Normally a cautious, southpaw cutie, DeShields turned aggressor, and out-classed a surprised Moore to build up what seemed an insurmountable early lead. But the judges apparently credited Moore for moving forward, and an occasional bomb. When a sudden left hook stunned DeShields late in the fifth, the tenor of the fight changed, as Anthony ran like a thief thereafter and blew the call. Carol Polis and Adalaide Tyndale both scored it 38-35, Moore, while Paul Battle had the loser, 37-36. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

As a reward for his incredible performance a month previous, Sidney Outlaw, 160, North Philadelphia, was given a "night off" against stiff Lawrence (Homicide) Jones, 154¾, North Philadelphia, who fell down for a TKO at 0:40 of the first round in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino.

Jerry Rash, 206, Elkton, Md. via North Philadelphia, hammered but couldn't dent ancient Billy (Nitro) Freeman (who detonated long ago), 211, Sharon Hill, Pa., for a unanimous win, four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Willie (The Little Worm) Monroe, 162, Rochester via Ithaca, attacked with a vengeance to drop and TKO an outgunned Keith Todd, 160¼, North Philadelphia, at 2:01 of the first round in a scheduled four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Rob Jenkins, 161¾, North Philadelphia, took a unanimous verdict over Terrence Jacobs, 158½, North Philadelphia, in an earnest, but untidy, four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Ronnie Cooley, 120, North Philadelphia, blew away Michael Gibbons, 119, North Philadelphia, in a whirlwind of punches to stop him on his feet at 2:30 of the first round in their scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Jamal Abdullah, 156, Mt. Airy (Philadelphia), won a majority decision over Kevin Fulton, 157, West Philadelphia, in an unschooled four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Promoters — Peltz Boxing and Alessi Promotions.

Matchmaker — J. Russell Peltz.

Attendance — 1,100. Gross $12,000 (est.).

Timekeeper — J.P. Mina.

Ring Announcer — Ed Derian.

(12-09-86)

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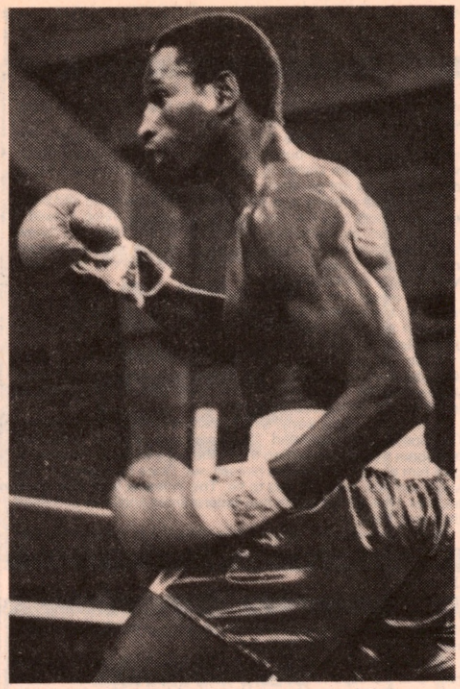


Mark Holmes continued his comeback with a hard-fought 10-round decision over Earnest Jackson in Bethlehem. Brother Larry promoted the card.

▶**BETHLEHEM—Stabler Arena, Lehigh Univ.—**Switching from Friday to Saturday evening didn't help draw the fans, announced as 824 paid, but looking more like 624. Nevertheless, the Larry Holmes combine continues to please fistically.

Except for two late subs brought in to fill but the card's two four-rounders, the balance of the night proved rather enjoyable.

In the main event, Larry's brother, Mark, who has headlined all three shows here, had himself a few anxious moments against Earnest Jackson, 163½, North Philadelphia, before being announced the unanimous winner after 10 rounds. Holmes, 164½, Easton, Pa., behind his educated jab and good movement, directed the flow of action for the most part. Jackson occasionally found the mark (no pun intended) with jarring hooks, but never had the zip to successfully continue the hunt. If nothing else, Holmes is quick to move out of harm's way.

Scores: 46-44 from Lynn Carter, 49-43 from Carol Polis, and 47-43 from Adalaide Triplett — same as *The Ring* score. John Carroll, referee.

Tyrone Mitchell (Frazier), 166, No. Philadelphia, won by TKO at 1:08 of round eight in a scheduled eight over Art Baylis, 166, Allentown, Pa. There were no knockdowns, but plenty of give and take; it was an even contest on the judges cards after the seventh. Baylis was staggered and looking in bad shape with Mitchell all over him when referee Charlie Sgrillo jumped in to stop it.

Mike Evans, 239, Chicago, TKO'd Mike Cohen, 205, Hilton Head, SC., at 0:30 of round five in their scheduled eight. The somewhat reluctant Cohen was down in rounds three, four and five. Tony Wolfe, referee.

In a rousing six-rounder, Leon Drummond, 131½, Easton, Pa., took a split decision over Steve Mistretta, 131, Palmerton, Pa. There was hardly a quiet moment in this thriller. No knockdowns, but Drummond suffered a cut on the outside corner of his left eye in round five. Tony Wolfe, referee. Scores: Triplett and Polis, both 28-27, Drummond; Carter had it 28-26, Mistrette.

Kevin Fasick, 147, No. Philadelphia, TKO'd someone advertised as Fred Savage, 144½, No. Philadelphia, TKO'd someone advertised as Fred Savage, 144½, No. Philadelphia at 1:46 of round one in a scheduled four. Savage was dropped once in a neutral corner, beat the count, but, according to ref Carroll, wanted to quit.

In the walk-out bout, comebacking loser Curtis Roach, 146, Reading, Pa., got himself an easy return win when he scored a TKO at 2:33 of round one in a scheduled four. His opponent, Maurice Young, 141½, So. Philadelphia, was billed as Maurice Rice, and visited the canvas twice before referee Sgrillo stopped the bout.

Larry Holmes Sports Corp.

Matchmaker — Gary Hegyi

Timekeeper — Elise Lashe

Ring Announcer — Hugh McHugh

(12-13-86)

JACK OBERMAYER

READ THE RING

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**RECONQUISTA—**Hugo Corti outpointed Luis Marquez, 10, middleweights.
(09-05-86)

▶**SAN LUIS—**Former Argentine junior lightweight champion Pedro Armando Gutierrez outpointed Abraham Valenzuela, 10.
(09-05-86)

▶**BRAGADO—**Roberto (Rocky) Defooz halted Julio Ramirez in eight, junior lightweights.
(09-05-86)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA—**Rising middleweight Sergio Ronconi halted veteran Alfredo Ubiedo in the seventh.
(09-05-86)

▶**PICO TRUNCADO—**Enrique Areco outpointed Hector Luque, 10, junior middleweights.
(09-05-86)

▶**CORRIENTES—**Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Lucio (Metralleta) Lopez outpointed Mexican Juan Jose Estrada, 10.

Argentine junior lightweight challenger Jose Cubillas outpointed Luis Alvarez, eight.
(09-06-86)

▶**CORONEL PRINGLES—**Daniel Neto knocked out Hector Rohr in the eighth round to win the Argentine cruiserweight crown.
(09-07-86)

▶**PUERTO MADRYN—**Argentine and South American champion Jesus Romero retained his Argentine title by comfortably outpointing Osvaldo Maldonado, 12.
(09-12-86)

▶**TAPIALES—**Jorge (Violin) Salgado stopped Juan Jose Leiva in eight, light heavyweights.
(09-12-86)

▶**CORDOBA—**Jorge Dascola outclassed Jose Helguera, 10, cruiserweights.
(09-12-86)

▶**MENDOZA—**Mario Araya outpointed Bolivian Carmelo Cazon Cadena, 10, lightweights.
(09-12-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—**Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldan successfully continued his comeback by outpointing South American middleweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez, Paraguay, 10. A superb bout and an excellent performance by Martillo.
(09-13-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA—**Unbeaten junior featherweight Pedro Decima outpointed Raul Gomez, 10.

▶**OLAVARRIA—**Veteran junior welterweight .Ramon Collado outpointed Eduardo Benevent, 10.
(09-19-86)

▶**VILLA MERCEDES—**Simon Escobar outpointed Antonio Ricardo Juarez, 10, welters.
(09-19-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—**Former Argentine and South American welterweight champion Ramon Abeldano TKO'd previously unbeaten Argentine and South American junior middleweight champion Hugo Marinangeli. The bout was stopped in the ninth due to an injury to the face of the champion, the result of a hard punch in the third. Marinangeli was one point ahead on the card of *The Ring*.

Jose Toloza knocked out former amateur star Pedro Franco in the second, junior middleweights.
(09-20-86)

▶**PICO TRUNCADO—**Mario Melo halted Chilean Luis Alvarado in two, light heavyweights.
(09-20-86)

▶**SALTA—**Rising welterweight Hector Vilte halted Sergio Combis in five.

Sergio Flores stopped Peruvian Pedro Lavalle in five, junior middleweights.
(09-25-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES—**Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Lucio (Metralleta) Lopez outpointed elusive Ruben Condori, 10, to avenge his only loss as a professional.
(10-04-86)

▶**RIO GALLEGOS—**Miguel Mosna kayoed Brazilian Emmanuel Camargo Britez in eight, light heavyweights.
(10-04-86)

▶**SALTA—**Lorenzo Garcia outpointed former world champion Pipino Cuevas in 10 via a unanimous decision. Both fought as junior middleweights. *The Ring* had it 96-96.

Veteran Hipolito Nunez outpointed Ruben Astorga, 10, featers.

Peruvian bantamweight Nelson Ulrich outpointed Raul Gutierrez, eight.
(10-07-86)

▶**BRAGADO—**Eduardo Contreras outpointed former Brazilian light heavyweight champion Clarismundo Silva, 10.
(10-09-86)

▶**MENDOZA—**Jose Mario Lopez and Roberto (Rocky) Defooz drew, ten, junior lightweights.
(10-10-86)

▶**RIO CUARTO**—Raul Roque Bianco halted Alberto Aragon in four, junior lightweights.
(10-10-86)

▶**CORDOBA**—Argentine and South American champion flyweight Adrian Roman retained his Argentine crown by outpointing Ramon Horacio Albers, 12.
(10-10-86)

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Sergio Ronconi halted Uruguayan Juan Flores Burlon in seven, middleweights.
(10-10-86)

▶**CHACABUCO**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez outclassed Antonio Ibanez, 10.
(10-10-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Junior welters Ramon Jara and Jose Magarino drew, 10.
(10-10-86)

▶**VIEDMA**—Welterweight Marcelo Di Crocce outpointed junior middleweight Mario Matthysse, 10, despite a 10-pound difference in the weights.
(10-10-86)

▶**LA PLATA**—Adolfo Arce Rossi outpointed Hugo Luero, 10, welterweights.
(10-11-86)

▶**DOLORES**—Faustino Barrios retained his Argentine junior lightweight title by knocking out dangerous Jose Cubillas in the ninth.
(10-11-86)

▶**LA RIOJA**—Rising lightweight Alberto Mercedes Cortes outpointed junior welterweight Fernando Da Costa, 10. Cortes is now unbeaten in 25 pro fights; he was 76-3-2 as an amateur. He is looking for a shot at Argentine champion Jesus Romero.
(10-16-86)

▶**ROSARIO**—Veteran Ramon Soria outpointed Luis F. Rodriguez, 10, feathers.
(10-17-86)

▶**MENDOZA**—In a big upset, mediocre Panamanian Jorge Pino outpointed Ramon Abeldano, 10, junior middleweights.

Promising flyweight Daniel Lagos halted Enrique Caro in the first.
(10-17-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldan continued his successful return by comfortably outpointing elusive J.B. Williams, the former WBC light heavyweight champion. Martillo dominated all the way, and it was difficult to understand how J.B. could have won a world title. He showed a total lack of skill.

Miguel Oviedo outpointed Roque Vanos, eight, welters.
(10-18-86)

▶**MENDOZA**—Bolivian junior lightweight Carmelo Cazon Cadena outpointed Juan Palacio, 10.
(10-24-86)

▶**CONCEPCION**—Former WBA flyweight champion Santos (Falucho) Laciar outpointed former Argentine and South American champion Jose Rufino Narvaez, 10, junior bantamweights.
(10-24-86)

▶**SALTA**—Hector Vilte won by a disqualification over Jorge O. Martinez in eight, welterweights.
(10-24-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi knocked out Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez in three to win the Argentine junior welterweight title.

It was a very hard fight, with Pajarito startmg fast as usual and Coggi waiting for the right moment to land his hardest punches.
(10-25-86)

▶**RIO GRANDE**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez outpointed Antonio Ibanez, 10.

Enrique Areco outclassed Carlos Martinez, 10, junior middleweights.
(10-31-86)

▶**LA PLATA**—Marcelo Di Crocce outpointed Juan Barboza, 10, welters.
(10-31-86)

▶**MENDOZA**—Jose Ricardo Gil outpointed Hipolito Nunez, 10, junior lightweights.

Pedro Villegas drew with Chilean Guillermo Reynoso, eight, featherweights.
(10-31-86)

▶**SAN PEDRO**—Lorenzo Garcia halted Carlos O. Almada in five, welters.
(10-31-86)

▶**METAN**—Sergio Flores outpointed Antonio Hugo Vicente, 10, junior middleweights.

▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Sergio Ronconi halted Ricardo Cisneros in nine, middleweights.
(11-01-86)

▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Osmar Avila won the right to fight for the vacant Argentine featherweight title by outpointing Miguel Francia, 12.

Avila upped his record to 35-1-1 and one no contest in 38 bouts (nine kayoes). He will face Jose Mario Lopez for the title.
(11-07-86)

▶**CORRIENTES**—Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Lucio (Metralleta) Lopez and Argentine junior bantamweight champion Ruben Condori drew, 10, in a rubber match. The elusive style of Condori caused problems for the aggressive Lopez.
(11-07-86)

▶**MENDOZA**—Ramon Abeldano and Panamanian Jorge Pino drew, 10, junior middleweights.
(11-07-86)

▶**CONCORDIA**—Ramon Horacio Albers outpointed Ricardo Escobar, 10, flyweights.

▶**SAN GENARO NORTE**—Unbeaten middleweight Hugo Corti knocked out Bautista Romero in three.
(11-07-86)

▶**SANTA FE**—Antonio Ricardo Juarez outpointed Juan Co. Ortiz, 10, welters.
(11-07-86)

▶**LOMAS DE ZAMORA**—Ramon (Potro) Ramos outpointed Domingo Sosa, 10, junior middleweights.
(11-07-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Santos (Falucho) Laciar outpointed Colombian Oscar Bolivar, 10, junior bantamweights.
(11-08-86)

▶**SAN JUAN**—Carlos Laciar outpointed Patricio Gil, 10, junior featherweights.
(11-13-86)

▶**RAFAELA**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Nestor Giovannini outpointed Anibal Romero, 10.
(11-13-86)

▶**MENDOZA**—Ramon Soria outpointed Pedro Decima, 10, feathers. It was a ridiculous hometown decision, which ended the unbeaten record of Decima. He had halted Soria in the second only four months before.
(11-14-86)

▶**ALTA GRACIA**—Juan Carlos Cortes halted Raul (Nico) Perez in nine, junior featherweights.
(11-14-86)

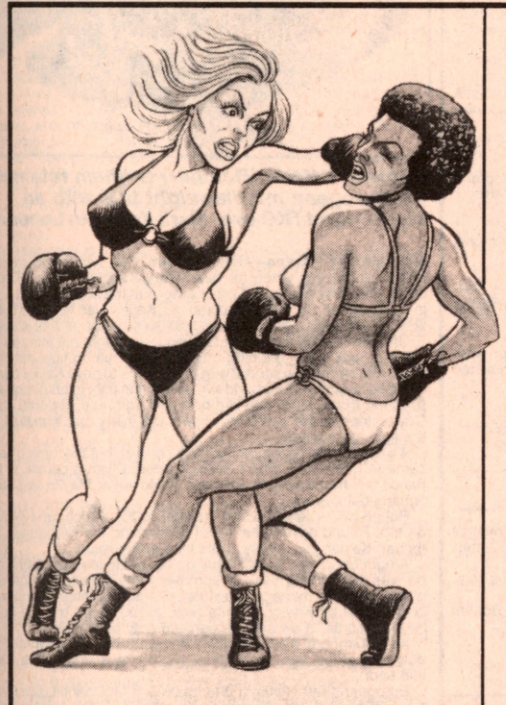
▶**VIEDMA**—Carlos Victor Velazquez stopped Juan A. Lopez in seven, junior middleweights.
(11-14-86)

▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Eduardo Galan stopped Peruvian Tito Acosta in the first, junior lightweights.
(11-14-86)

▶**SALTA**—Rising Hector Vilte knocked out Puerto Rican Charles Baez Muniz in the first round, welters.
(11-14-86)

▶**LA BANDA**—As he did on October 10 and October 31st, Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez outpointed Antonio Ibanez, 10.
(11-14-86)

▶**VILLA MARIA**—Gustavo Ballas retained his South American junior bantamweight crown by halting Brazilian Paulo Ribeiro in



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▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Lorenzo Garcia outpointed Argentine and South American welterweight champion Miguel (Puma) Arroyo, 10.
(11-15-86)

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Marcelo Di Crocce outpointed Antonio Ricardo Juarez, 10, welters.
(11-22-86)

▶**BARADERO**—Argentine middleweight champion Dario Matteoni, managed by Carlos Monzon, retained his title by halting Angel Caro in two.
(11-22-86)

▶**PERGAMINO**—South American cruiserweight champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon won a unanimous decision over American James Bills, 10.
(11-22-86)

BRAZIL

▶**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian and South American heavyweight champion Jose Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues outpointed American Melvin Epps, 10.

Claudemir Carvalho Dias outpointed Venezuelan Jesus Bastardo, 10, flyweights.

Brazilian light heavyweight champion Rui Barboza Bonfim halted Paraguayan Jorge Servin in the first round.
(10-05-86)

CHILE

▶**SANTIAGO**—Latin American bantamweight champion Cardenio Ulloa stopped Argentine Luis Adolfo Gerez in the first round.
(09-12-86)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Veteran Martin Vargas Fuentes outpointed Peruvian Eloy Alca, 10, flyweights.
(10-17-86)

▶**ANTOFAGASTA**—Peruvian Eloy Alca avenged a previous loss by outclassing Martin Vargas Fuentes, 10, flyweights.

Cardenio Ulloa halted Argentine Raul Gutierrez in two, bantamweights.
(11-07-86)

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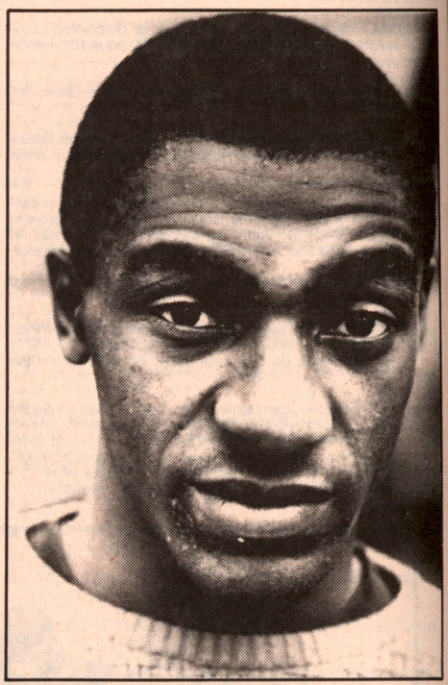

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England's Herol (Bomber) Graham retained his European middleweight title with an eight-round TKO over Mark Kaylor in London.

▶**WEMBLEY—Arena**—Herol Graham, 159, kept his European middleweight title when he beat Mark Kayolor, 159¾, Kaylor being retired by manager Terry Lawless at the end of round eight in a scheduled 12. Official reason — "Kaylor was having trouble with his right eye," but Graham was well on top at that stage.

Graham started in brilliant fashion. He caught his man with a stiff left hook in the opening round, forcing him to hold momentarily, and Herol then scored with both hands to drive Kaylor back.

Kaylor responded in round two, taking the fight to his opponent. In round three, Mark was cut near the right eye. Referee John Coyle stopped the action to inspect the injury, but signalled for the fight to continue.

It was developing into an exciting contest, but the turning point came in round five, when Graham scored with a couple of left hands that had his opponent shaken. However, Kaylor was soon fighting back again.

Round six — and Graham quicker to the punch, and getting on top. Round seven saw Herol dominating the exchanges, although Kaylor was grimly contesting every issue.

A right hand had Kaylor back on his heels in round eight, but he was still fighting back in commendable fashion. At the end of the session, manager Lawless decided to retire his man. A brave effort by Kaylor, who is now talking about moving up to "super middle," a division recognised only by the IBF.

As for Graham, a cool, efficient performance in what was probably his hardest fight, one which proved he is worthy of a world title shot.

European featherweight champion Jim McDonnell didn't lose a round in outpointing American Troy Davis, 131¾, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 100-95½ after 10.

Commonwealth light middleweight champion Nick Wilshire, 156¾, stopped American Mike Castronova, 155¾, referee Coyle intervening at 1:47 of round two in a scheduled 10 after Castronova had been down twice.

David Dent, Camden Town, 147¾, kept his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Dutchman Kid Taylor, 145¼, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 79½-77½ after eight.

Gary Mason, 241, Wandsworth, kayoed American Donnie Long, 235, in 1:31 of round one with a right to the head. Larry O'Connell, referee.

Michael Watson, 160¾, Islington, didn't lose a round outpointing Alan Baptiste, 161¼, Luton, referee Thompson scoring it 80-76½ after eight.
(11-04-86)

▶**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Les Walsh, 129, Manchester, drew with Anthony Brown, also 129, St. Helens, the Central Area featherweight champion, 10. Jim Pridding, referee.

Kevin Pritchard, 130½, Liverpool, beat former British junior lightweight champion Pat Doherty, 132¼, the bout being stopped by referee Paul Thomas at 0:35 of round two in a scheduled eight when Doherty was cut by the left eye.

Brian Holmes, 121, confirmed a previous win when he outpointed Rocky Lawlor, 121, The Midlands Area champion, referee Thomas scoring it 79-77 after eight. Lawlor was injured near both eyes, and floored four times.

Andrew Mayers, 139½, Birmingham, beat Simon Eubanks, 141, Brighton, referee Pridding intervening at 2:00 of round six in a scheduled eight when Eubanks was cut near the left eye.

Steve Williams, 180, Glasgow, stopped debutant Gus Menzies, 179¼, Birmingham, referee Thomas calling a halt at 0:47 of the opening round after Menzies had been down.
(10-01-86)

▶**BOURNEMOUTH—BIC Centre**—Western Area light welterweight champion Frankie Lake, 143½, Plymouth, beat Nicky Day, 146½, Southampton, for the third time, not losing a round on referee Denzil Lewis's card, which showed 80-77½ after eight.

Mark Champney, 126, Bournemouth, kayoed Geoff Sillitow, 129, Swansea, in 0:26 of round five in a scheduled six twos. A right to the head did the trick.

Rory Callaghan, 147¼, Kentish Town, stopped debutant Andy Catesby, 147½, Bournemouth, referee Lewis intervening at 1:05 of round five in a scheduled six when Catesby was bleeding profusely from the nose.

Clayton Stewart, 156½, Gosport, outpointed debutant Roy Horne, Maidenhead, 151½, referee Lewis casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.
(10-01-86)

▶**LONDON—Lewisham Theatre**—Tony Baker, 149, New Cross, inactive for nearly two years, kayoed Jim Beckett, also 149, in 1:43 of round three in a scheduled eight twos. Larry O'Connell, referee.

Barry Ellis, 212, Clapham, outpointed debutant Daniel T. Moul, 229, Billericay, referee O'Connell casting it 59½-58½ after six.

Andrew Prescod, 138, Wandsworth, made it four in succession by stopping B.F. Williams, 135½, referee O'Connell intervening just as the bell ended round four, with Williams under pressure.

Mark Dinnadge, 144, Eltham, gained his third successive win, all inside schedule by beating John Davie, 146¼, Chingford, referee Jack Snipe intervening at 1:42 of round three after Davie had been floored twice.

Wayne Weeks, Bellingham, 130½, outpointed Nigel Haddock, 129½, Llanelli, referee Snipe scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Paul Gadney, 132, Woolwich, was another narrow winner, outpointing debutant Tim O'Keefe, 131½, Hornchurch, referee Snipe casting it 59-58½ after six.
(10-01-86)

▶**LEICESTER—Executive International Sporting Club**—Midlands Area lightweight champion Ray Newby, 135, outpointed Mohammnad Lovelock, Manchester, also 135, referee John Keane, who officiated throughout, scoring it a narrow 79-78½ over eight twos.

Kevin Spratt, 139, Bradford, outpointed Rocky Lester, also 139, Leicester, scoreline 60-58, which indicated that Spratt had not lost a round, over six twos.

David Scere, 154, Manchester, outpointed Seamus Casey, 153, Alfreton, also over six twos, by 59½-58½.
(10-06-86)

▶**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Del Bryan, 148, Nottingham, outpointed Gary Somerville, 149, Birmingham, referee John Coyle scoring it 79½-77 after eight. A good scrap which brought nobbins. It was Gary's first defeat.

Dean Lynch, 122, Swansea, didn't lose a round in outpointing Paddy Maguire, 121, Birmingham, referee Brian Arnott casting it 60-58½ after six twos. Maguire was down twice.

Paul Bowen, 135, Wednesbury, outpointed Kevin Plant, Denaby, referee Arnott casting it 59½-57½ over six.

Debutant Kesem Clayton, 149, Coventry, looked good in outpointing Rocky Reynolds, 148, Swansea, referee Coyle scoring it 59½-57½ over six twos.

Tony Swift, 138, Solihull, outpointed Will Halliday, 142, Leicester, referee Arnott casting it 60-58½, indicating that Swift had not lost a round, after six twos.
(10-06-86)

▶**CROYDON Fairfield Hall**—George Collins, 150, Bracknell, kayoed American Teddy Johnson, 157, in 2:55 of round one with a right hand.

Mo Hussein, 138, West Ham, stopped American Dean Melton, referee Roland Dakin intervening at 1:55 of round one after Melton had been floored.

Chris Blake, 142, extended his unbeaten run to nine by stopping Gary Champion, 142¼, Norwich, referee Dakin intervening at 2:30 of round two in a scheduled eight after Champion had been down.

Sean Murphy, 120, St. Albans, kayoed Gordon Stobie, Darlington, in 0:20 of round five in a scheduled six twos.

Debutant Tommy Shiels, 152, won every round in outpointing Portugal's Victor Carvalho, 149, referee Dakin scoring it 60-57 after six.

Debutant Mickey Ould, 168, Bermondsey, outpointed Benny Simmons, 164¼, referee Jack Snipe casting it 59½-58½ after six.

Ned Rawlings, 209, Peckham, outpointed Andrew Gerrard, 217, Newport, referee Snipe's card showing 59½-58½ after six.

Ned Rawlings, 209, Peckham, outpointed Andrew Gerrard, 217, Newport, referee Snipe's card showing 59½-58½ after six twos.
(10-09-86)

▶**GLOUCESTER—Leisure Centre**—Substitute Charlie Watson, 150½, Bradford, beat Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 155¼, referee Denzil Lewis accepting the latter's retirement at the end of round one in a scheduled eight. Watson was down twice. Then there was a head clash in which Williamson sustained a cut forehead, which required six stitches. It was Williamson's first defeat and very bad luck, as he was well in control.

Stanley Jones, 141, Swansea, outpointed Gary (Peppy) Muir, the Irish light welter champion, referee Roddy Evans scoring it 78½-77½ over eight.

John Davies, 152, Ammanford, stopped Peter Vance, 155, Derby, referee Lewis calling a halt at 1:50 of round two in a scheduled six twos with Vance struggling.

Debutant Mark Purcell, 143, Gloucester, outpointed Gary Cass, 140, Swindon, referee Evans casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Debutant Johnny Stone, Gloucester, 159, scored a points win over debutant Peter Armstrong, 161, Ealing, referee Evans carding it 59½-58 after six twos.
(10-10)86)

▶**DULWICH—Baths**—British lightweight champion Tony Willis outpointed Billy Buchanan, Dundee, over 10 by 98½-96½ on referee Mike Jacobs' card. Both were inside the stipulated 139 in this non-title fight. No doubt about the winner, but the loser put up a fine fight and gave the champion a hard time. Willis finished with an injured right eye.

Wally Reynolds, 152, Birmingham, drew with Dean Barclay, also 152, Finchley, over eight twos. Mike Jacobs, referee.

Noel Magee, Belfast, won every round against Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 80-76 after eight. No weights were announced.

Johnny Melfah, Gloucester, kayoed Andy Sumner, 157, in 2:10 of round three in a scheduled six. Reg Thompson, referee.

Tim Driscoll, 126½, Bermondsey, outpointed Nigel Lawrence, 127, referee Thompson casting it 59½-58 over six twos.

Lee West, 138½, Gloucester, won every round outpointing Rocky Lester, 137, Leicester, scoreline 60-57 over six twos.
(10-13-86)

▶**OLDHAM—Civic Hall**—Former British heavyweight champion Hughroy Currie put himself back into the reckoning for a shot at his old title by stopping Glenn McCrory, Annfield Park, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 2:20 of round two in a scheduled 10. McCrory had been down for eight, then was floored again, and was down for more than 10 seconds. The result was announced as "referee stopped fight."

Keith Ferdinand, 220, stopped American Eddie Yelton, referee Ron Hackett calling a halt at 2:59 of the opening round after Yelton had been down.

Brian Schumacher, 171, Liverpool, stopped Malcolm Kay, 170, Liverpool, referee Hackett intervening at 1:29 of round three in a scheduled eight twos after Kay had been floored by a left hand.

In a battle of two unbeaten boxers, Brian Roche, 134, Bacup, stopped Drew Black, 137, Gartcosh, referee Phil Cowsill stepping in at 0:32 of round six in a scheduled eight twos with Black under pressure.

Joey Jacobs, 136, outpointed Tony Richards, also 136, Nottingham, referee Cowshill scoring it 59-58 over six. It was Commonwealth Bronze Medallist Jacobs' pro debut.

John Best, 147, kept his unbeaten record b y outpointing Paul Wetter, Cardiff, also 147, not losing a round on referee Cowshill's card of 60-58 after six twos.
(10-07-86)

▶**STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Andrew Steadman, 123, beat Danny Lee, 120, Glasgow, who retired at the end of round four in a scheduled eight twos with an injured left eye. Jim Pridding, referee.

Adam Muir, 135, Glasgow, outpointed Andrew Pybus, 137, Birmingham, referee Terry O'Connor casting it 59½-58 after six. Muir was down briefly in the final round, and there was some booing at the verdict.

Geoff Calder, 148, Kidderminster, stopped Mike MacKenzie, 150, Perth, cut by the right eye, and was adjudged unable to continue.

Noel Rafferty, 138, Coventry, outpointed George Baigrie, also 138, Edinburgh, referee O'Connor's card showing 59½-58 after six.

Brian Murphy, 137, Glasgow, didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Brown, 133, Birmingham, referee Pridding scoring it 40-39 after four twos.
(10-08-86)

▶**NEWCASTLE—Mayfair**—Dave Garside, 215, Hartlepool, stopped John Westgarth, 214, Newcastle, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 0:59 of round nine after Westgarth had been down twice. This was an official eliminator for the British heavyweight title. Westgarth was taken to the hospital suffering from a concussion, but was permitted to go home the following morning. It was an exciting contest.

Paul Lister, 200, Newcastle, outpointed Steve Gee, 210, Birmingham, referee Arnold Bryson scoring it 79-78 after eight.

Marvin P. Gray, 133, Stanley, comfortably outpointed Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 135, referee Fred Potter casting it 79½-78 after eight twos.

Peter Canterdale, 145, Hartlepool, scored a points verdict over Ray Golding, 148, Alfreton, referee Bryson's card showing 59½-58½ after six twos. Golding was down briefly in the opening session.

Carl Gaynor, 128, Manchester, stopped Vince Wilson, also 128, Gateshead, referee Bryson intervening at 1:34 of round one in a scheduled six twos after Wilson had been floored.

Tony Hallett, 214, Manchester, stopped Vince Wilson, also 128, Gateshead, referee Bryson intervening at 1:34 of round one in a scheduled six twos after Wilson had been floored.

Tony Hallett, 214, Newcastle, stopped Steve Black, 196, Newcastle, referee Potter calling a halt at 0:45 of round five in a scheduled six twos with Black under pressure. Hallett was near the right eye.
(10-16-86)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Del Bryan, 147, Nottingham, outpointed Mickey Lerwill, 148, Telford, referee Paul Thomas scoring it 79½-76½ after eight twos. Lerwill bled from the nose, was marked by the left eye, and was down briefly in round four.

Rory Callaghan, 149, Kentish Town, outpointed Geoff Calder, also 149, Kidderminster, referee Thomas casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Steve Hogg, 148, St. Helens, outpointed Curt Barnard, London, 150¾, referee Terry O'Connor scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos. It was Barnard's pro debut, and a fine scrap.

On the canvas in the opening round, Steve Higgins, 139¾, Plumstead, got up to outpunch Noel Rafferty, 138, Coventry, and take a well earned points verdict, referee O'Connor casting it 59-57½ after six twos.

Debutant Young Gully, 140, Birmingham, kayoed Eddie King, also 140, Doncaster, in 0:49 of round five in a scheduled six twos. King had been down earlier in the round.
(10-14-86)

▶**LONDON-Merton Civic Hall**—Lou Gent, 180¾, Streatham, stopped Jerry Reed, 198, Camberley, referee Roy Francis calling a halt at 1:41 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos. Reed had been down four times.

Jimmy Harrison, 146, Wandsworth, stopped Nicky Day, Southampton, referee Francis intervening at 1:25 of round three in a scheduled eight twos. Day, too, had been floore four times.

John Graham, 179, made it seven in succession by outpointing Karl Barwise, 168, Tooting, referee Francois scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.

Steve Harwood, 149¾, Batley, stopped Chas Dackombe, 150, Streatham, referee Nick White stepping in at 1:45 of round four when Dackombe was cut by both eyes, needing 10 stitches.

Debutant Eddy Brooks, 155¼, Walworth, outpointed Russell Burnett, 154¾, Brighton, not losing a round on referee White's card, which showed 60-57½ after six twos.

Nigel Moore, 155¾, Thamesmead, another debutant, drew with Derek Wormold, 154¾, over six twos. Wormold was down in round three, Moore in the final session.
(10-16-86)

▶**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Dave McAuley, 110½, Larne, won the vacant British flyweight title by knocking out Joe Kelly, 111¾, Glasgow, in 2:08 of round nine in a scheduled 12. McAuley was eight inches taller, and used his longer reach to good advantage. Kelly went down from a right to the chin, got up, only to be floored for the full count. He had put up a plucky performance.

Debutant Alex Mullen, 162, Irvine, stopped Gary Pemberton, 157½, Cardiff, at 1:57 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Pemberton had been down, referee Billy Rafferty calling a halt.

Gary Jacobs, 148¼, Glasgow, stopped Kelvin Mortimer, 147, Rhondda, referee Billy Rafferty intervening at 1:14 of round five when Mortimer was cut near the left eye and under pressure.

Pat Clinton, 115½, Croy, kayoed Adrian Staples, Wales, 117, in 2:26 of round two with a right hook. Billy Rafferty, referee.
(10-20-86)

▶**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Former British junior lightweight champion John Doherty, 129½, Bradford, outpointed Stuart Carmichael, 129, Hull, scorecard 79½-77½ after eight. It was their fifth meeting, and Doherty's fourth win. He lost the other on an eye injury stoppage.

Kevin Spratt, 138, Leeds, confirmed a previous win by stopping Kevin Plant, 138½, Denaby, referee Harry Warner intervening at 1:43 of round four in a scheduled six with Plant under pressure.

Lincoln Pennant, 158, Loughborough, stopped debutant Frank Grant, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 1:31 of the opening round with Grant "in no position to defend himself."

Steve Garber, 219, Bradford, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Madden, 217, Doncaster, scoreline 40-38½ after four.
(10-20-86)

▶**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, 135, drew with Mohammed Lovelock, 137, over eight on Mickey Vann's card. They also drew earlier in the year.

Russell Davidson, 129½, Manchester, outpointed David Hughes, also 129½, Sheffield, by a narrow 59-58½ over six. Hughes was down briefly in round five.

Mickey Vann, referee.

Lamby Kahani, 129, Sheffield, outpointed Carl Cleasbyt, also 129, referee Keith Garner casting it a narrow 59½-59 after six.

Chris Little, 190, Manchester, stopped Jeremy Lockwood, Bradford, referee Garner intervening at 0:35 of round four with Lockwood cut near the right eye and under pressure.
(10-15-86)

▶**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Hotel**—Gary Maxwell, Sheffield, outpointed Nigel Senior, Nottingham, scoreline 79½-78 after eight.

Gypsy Johnny, 116, kayoed Dave Beach, 117, Stoke, in 0:41 of round four with a right to the chin.

Gary De Roux, 128, Peterborough, stopped Nigel Lawrence, 125, Battersea, the referee calling a halt at 1:18 of the opening round after Lawrence had been down twice.
(10-20-86)

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JAPAN

▶**SHIZUOKA—Insustrial Arena**—Shirk Ishihara, the Japanese Commission's top ranked lightweight contender, 135, ran his unbeaten log to 9-0 with four kayoes as he floored lefty Minoru Kujo, 135½, in the sixth round and earned a close but unanimous decision, 10.

Takao Suzuki, 121½, decisioned Kazuyuki Funabashi, 122, eight.
Attendance — 3,000. No telecast.
Mitsuyama Promotions.
(11-07-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Having been stopped by WBA junior flyweight champ Myung-Woo Yuh in a quest for the title, Tomohiro Kiyuna, the WBA's eighth ranked contender, 107¼, barely won a unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Katsumi Komiyama, 106½, 10.

Scoring: referee Shimakawa, 100-95; judge Ugo, 99-96; judge Nakamori 98-95 — all for the fast punching ex-Japanese champ. It looked much closer, as the underdog Komiyama fought well and landed solid punches.

Kiyuna is now 16-2 with seven kayoes. Komiyama fell to 8-1-2 with two knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, former Japanese featherweight champ Mitsuru Sugiya, 126, easily sank Masakatsu Sakuma, 125, with wicked body shots in 2:59 of the fourth session.

Sugiya, dethroned by Eijiro Kuruma in his last bout, is now 20-2 with 14 kayoes. Sakuma dropped to 8-13-4 with four knockouts.

The first tenner saw Koheita Tanaka, 117, awarded a split duke (97-96, 99-96 and 96-98) over Hiroaki Kanaya, also 117. Tanaka is now 9-4-2 with five knockouts. Kanaya, a soft punching lefty, is 8-2, no kayoes.

World Sports Promotions. TBS TV.
Attendance — 1,870.
(11-17-86)

▶**OSAKA—Castle Int. Culture**—Japanese junior featherweight champ Takuya Muguruma, 119, came off the canvas in the second round and halted Korean trial horse Kyu-Chan Cho, also 119, in 1:03 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Muguruma, the WBC's 14th ranked bantamweight, decided to move down to the 118-pound class and challenge the world champ on March 29. He returned the championship belt to the commission after the fight.

Muguruma, a stablemate of ex-WBC kingpin Jiro Watanabe, is a rugged puncher with a 24-1-1 record, including 18 knockouts. Cho fell to 17-7 with four kayoes.

Osaka Teiken Promotions. Kansai TV.
(12-03-86)

▶**OITA—Agebacho Gymnasium**—Japanese mini-flyweight champ Kenji Ono, 104, barely kept his crown, as he was held to a split draw by Missile Kudo, 104¼, in a close 10.

Scoring: referee Kuwata, 97-97; judge Makizumi, 98-97 — both for Ono; judge Koike 97-96, Missile.

Ono was leading on points after seven, but the challenger forced the fighting in the last three sessions.

Ono is now 16-9-2 with six knockouts. Kudo is 9-7-1 with three kayoes.

In the semi, Tadafumi Miura, 137¾, shook up Naoto Tsuruzaki, 139½, repeatedly and won a unanimous decision, 10.

Oita Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance — 1,700.
(11-22-86)

▶**GUNMA—Sports Center**—Tall Nobuyuki Tabata, 159½, made short work of Hiroshi Izumiya, 162¼, in 1:21 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Tabata will fight Kenji Kubo for the vacant Japanese junior middleweight crown, relinquished by Carlos Elliott, on January 8.

Masayoshi Matsuura, the JBC's sixth ranked featherweight, 127¾, TKO'd Yasuo Jinde, also 127¾, at 0:48 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Yoshito Kumakawa, 130, outscored Taichi Okada, also 130, eight.
(11-24-86)

▶**KAWASAKI—City Gymnasium**—Korean Young-Man Cha, 120¼, the KBC's fourth ranked junior bantamweight, dropped Rambo Taira, also 120¼, twice and for the count in 3:05 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Cha's right hook was the haymaker.

The Korean is now 9-2-3 with two kayoes. Taira fell to 6-3-3 with six kayoes.

Jun Hoki, 114¾, made a fine comeback by finishing Roy Suzuki, 115, at 0:57 of the first round in a scheduled six. Hoki went to Thailand and kayoed the Thai mini-flyweight champ about two years ago, but suffered a string of subsequent losses; he had been inactive for 16 months.

Keihin Kawasaki Promotions. No telecast.
Attendance — 1,500.
(11-21-86)

▶**HIROSAKI CITY—Hirosaki Citizens Hall**—Cheyenne Yamamoto, the Japanese lightweight champ, 134½, caught glass jawed challenger Tatsunari Hisahiro, also 134½, with a big right, dropped him twice and stopped him at 1:22 of the third session in a scheduled 10.

This was Cheyenne's fifth defense since he recaptured the title by finishing Hikaru Tomonari in four rounds of an eliminator in June of the previous year.

Cheyenne, the WBC's 30th ranked 135-pounder, is now 22-7-6 with 15 kayoes. Hisahiro, the former Japanese featherweight champ, is 12-9 with ten knockouts.

Kokusai Promotions in association with Sendai Promotions.
Attendance—4,000.
(11-21-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese flyweight titlist Koji Nishikawa, 111 3/4, had a tough time eking out a majority decision over Teruaki Miyasato, also 111 3/4, to retain his crown for the third time, 10.

The short lefty Nishikawa was befuddled by the challenger's sharp rallies at close quarter.

Scoring: referee Uchida, 98-95; judge Shimakawa, 98-97; judge Asao, 97-97. The champ raised his log to 16-4-1 with six kayoes. The loser dropped to 10-4-1 with three knockouts.

Lanky lefty Leopard Tamakuma, the WBC's 26th ranked flyweight, 110 1/4, floored Masato Tanaka, also 110 1/4, four times and TKO'd him at 0:58 of the seventh round in the semi-final 10.

Tamakura, who has improved rapidly, is now 16-3 with five kayoes. Tanaka dropped to 6-10 with four knockouts.

Tadashi Shimabukuro, 118, didn't look as sharp as usual, but took a unanimous decision (double 99-96 and 99-95) over Keiichi Ozaki, also 118, 10.

Shimabukuro is now 12-2-1 with seven kayoes. Ozaki is 11-8 with one knockout.

Misako, Kokusai and Ishikawa Promotions. Fuji TV.
Attendance—2,450.
(11-27-86)

▶**CHIGASAKI—City Gymnasium**—Former Japanese junior flyweight champ Yoshiaki Nojima, 107 1/2, showed his speed and skills in copping a unanimous nod over Masaru Yoshimoto, a durable infighter, 108, 10.
(11-29-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Kenyu Tanaka, the Japanese junior lightweight champ, 130, was a prohibitive favorite to retain his title against 30-year-old challenger Wolf Sato, also 130—who sank the champ to win the crown in 2:19 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Wolf, 30, raised his mediocre log to 7-5-1 with five kayoes. Tanaka is 19-4-2 with seven knockouts.

Hidenobu Sasaki, the JBC's fifth ranked middleweight, 159 3/4, kayoed Mitsuo Hatano, 160, in 1:49 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Bruce Kyoda, 131 1/4 TKO'd Yosuke Kubota, 130 1/4, at 0:50 of the sixth session in a scheduled 8.
(12-09-86)

▶**MARUGAME—City Gymnasium**—Former Japanese featherweight champ Chiba Arredondo, 132¼, lost a unanimous nod to Naoyuki Iramina, 132¼, 10.

Scoring: referee Uenaka, 98-94; judge Kashiwagi, 97-93; judge Matsumoto, 98-93—all for the underdog.

Hideo Kawamoto, 154, knocked out Hideo Kanenami, 152 1/2, with body bombardments in 2:43 of the sixth session in a scheduled 8.

Ozeki Maki Promotions.
(12-14-86)

▶**GUSHITO VILLAGE, OKINAWA—Social Gymnasium**—Akinobu Hiranaka, Japanese junior welterweight titlist, 141, finished Filipino Nilo Alamag, 139, at 2:04 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Yoshitatsu Nakasato, 132 1/4, outscored lefty Shinji Kobayashi, 132 1/4, 10.
(12-14-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese middleweight champ Masaharu Owada, 156 1/2, turned the tables in the final round, and demolished at 1:44 of the session to retain his crown for the second time in a scheduled 10. Owada dropped his man thrice for an automatic kayo. Owada is now 13-10-1 with 11 kayoes. Kawasaka fell to 15-9 with 11 knockouts.

Tricky Kawaguchi, 147, fought to a technical draw with Tetsuya Manaka, 146, at 0:14 of the fourth session in their scheduled 10. Tomoaki Kobayashi, 115, TKO'd Makoto Sawamura, also 115, at 2:40 of the tenth and final canto.

Kadoebi and Kamifukuoka Promotions.
Attendance—2,120.
(12-15-86) JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**POHANG—Pohang Indoor Gymnasium**—It was a sensational encoutner long anticipated by Korean fight fans.

Sang-Ho Lee, the WBA's sixth ranked contender, 139 1/2, won the OPBF junior welterweight crown with a 12-round decision over defending titlist Kyung-Dok Ahn, the WBC's number four contender, 140, in a grudge fight.

It was, however, a monotonous affair. They respected each other too much to entertain the crowd. Lee, a good footworker, moved well, and Ahn missed a lot of punches.

In round six, Lee caught Ahn with a countering right hook, and followed up promptly. The KBC's referee then gave a standing count to Ahn. The defending champ was so anxious to avenge it that he threw roundhouse, inaccurate blows. Lee maintained his safety-first strategy and the standing count in the sixth carried him to the OPBF throne.

Lee, piloted by Kyu-Chul Kim, raised his fine credentials to 41-1 including 35 knockouts. Ahn tasted his first setback and fell to 20-1 with 10 kayoes.

Min-Keun Oh, ex-IBF world featherweight champ, 127, lost to Cha-Suk Oh, also 127, via a technical decision in the fourth rond of a scheduled 10.

Despite this loss, Oh will face Antonio Rivera in his quest to regain the IBF throne.

Korean middleweight champ Bong-Chul Kim, 160, lost his crown to Ui-Jin Kim, also 160, by decision, 10.

Ho-Yun Chun's World Promotions.
(11-01-86)

▶**SOONCHUN—Soonchun High School Gymnasium**—Sung-Yun Kim, the WBA's fourth ranked contender, 130, kept his OPBF title with a technical decision over Eijiro Kuruma, Japanese champ at 129 3/4, midway in the sixth round of a scheduled 12.

Chong-Young Kim's Hyundai Promotions.
(11-02-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former IBF flyweight champ Chong-Kwan Chung, 119 1/4, was knocked out by Filipino trial horse Jun Llano, 119 3/4, in 0:41 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

The Filipino floored the prohibitive favorite with a countering left hook in the second round.

Chung fought back in the fourth round at close quarters, and the action was toe-to-toe. Jun's wicked right hand landed in the fifth, and Chung was counted out on the ropes. He was unconscious for five minutes.

Chung fell to 13-10-4 with three kayoes. Llano upped his log to 12-1-1 with 5 knockouts.

Hi-Youn Chung, 121, won the Korean junior featherweight title, as he beat defending champ Hon-Young Park, 121 1/2, on a technical decision in the fifth session of a scheduled 10.

The newly crowned Chung is now 17-3-3 with 5 kayoes. Park fell to 11-4-4 with one kayo.

Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions.
(11-07-86)

▶**DANGJIN—Commercial High School Gymnasium**—Oh-Kong Son, the KBC's top flyweight contender, 114, battled furiously with Filipino Flash Marino, 113 1/2, winning a unanimous decision (double 99-95, and 99-94), 10.

Son, now 21-3 with ten kayoes, was knocked out by current WBA junior flyweight champ Myung-Woo Yuh in an eliminator to decide a challenger against Joey Olivo last year.

The Filipino dropped to 18-3 with 12 kayoes.

Wan-Taek Choi, 134 1/2, kept his Korean lightweight title by demolishing Bong-Chun Park, 134, at 0:36 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Choi, a stablemate of OPBF junior lightweight boss Sung-Yun Kim, is now 15-6-2 with 11 kayoes. Park is 7-9-6 with two kayoes.

Kyu-chul Kim's Wonjin Promotions.
(11-08-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chung-Won Chung, the IBF's eighth ranked junior lightweight, 132 1/2, suffered an upset knockout at the hand of Amado Cabato Filipino number two featherweight, 131 1/2, at 2:28 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Chung, 20-1 with 11 kayoes, was a heavy favorite. But Chung was nailed to the ropes and downed with a flurry of punches. Chung's overconfidence and lack of sufficient training had resulted in a stunning upset.

Chung fell to 20-2 with 11 kayoes. Cabato raised his log to 31-5-5 with 14 kayoes.

Byung-Soo Park, 127 3/4, stopped Jung-Ho Lee, 127 1/4, at 0:52 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Hwaryong Promotions.
(11-13-86)

▶**EIJOUNGBU—City Arena**—Originally scheduled to meet unbeaten Chul Kwon, the IBF's top featherweight contender, Japanese in fighter Fusao Imnai, 130, had to face substitute Chang-Bae Ahn, 129 1/4, the KBC's top featherweight contender, losing a controversial decision, 10.

Even the Korean fans thought Imai won.

The official winner is now 9-5 with five kayoes. Imai, the only man to have beaten current WBC super lightweight champ Tsuyoshi Hamada, is 13-10-3 with nine knockouts.

In athe semi-windup, Young-Duk Park, 118, kept his Korean bantamweight decision over Sam-Yong Kim, 117 1/2, 10.

Park is now 15-1-2 with nine kayoes. Kim fell to 12-4-3 with two kayoes.

Saeki Promotions.
(11-29-86)

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PHILIPPINES

▶**NABUNTURAN, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Jun Resma, the former Filipino flyweight champ who outgrew the class, 118, chalked up a TKO victory over Nick Ampong, also 118, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Gil Aleria refereed.

Rolando Protacio, the top contender of the Games and Amusements Board (GAB, the Commission of this country), 110, was a TKO winner over Jun Paredes, 112, in the seventh session of their scheduled 10.

Promoter—Vic Quiambao.
(10-02-86)

▶**GAPOK, BAGUMBAYAN**—Gilbert Albay, 118, the GAB's second ranked bantam, was held to a technical draw by Tim Balantay, 116, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.
(10-03-86)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Veteran Ric Barimbad, 115, impressively knocked out Kid Kanashiro, also 115, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Espinosa refereed.

Kid Tavera, 118, lost a unanimous nod to Boy Louperez, also 118, 10.

Edwin Inocencio, the GAB's top mini-flyweight contender, 108, took a unanimous decision over Triffon Torralba, 110, 10.

Ben Capagngan, 122, was a unanimous points victor over melchor Ardonia, also 122, 10.

Jun Pamliega, 132, outscored Rimbo Canaya, also 132, 6.

Ricky Flor, 110, decisioned Joe Doronio, also 110, 6.

Promoter—Eusebio Almario, Jr.

GAB witness—Jaime P. Mata.
(10-04-86)

▶**TORIL, DAVAO**—Mar Sumalinog, 120, stopped Roger Sumampong, also 120, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10. Joe Espinosa refereed.

Promoter—Domingo Arenas.
(10-03-86)

▶**OZAMIS CITY**—Jun Edward, 116, was awarded a majority technical decision over Zaldy Baguio, also 116, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. George Dolotallas refereed.

Promoter—Robert Yabut.
(10-04-86)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Edel Geronimo, a busy campaigner, 114 1/2, scored a TKO over Pechainat Donjadee, Thailand, in just 1:00 of the opening session in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Ric Bajelot, 113, took a majority decision over Louie Gonzales, 114, 10. Ver Abainza refereed.

Momong Manaay, 127 3/4, unanimously decisioned Amado Cabato, 126 1/2, 10. Vic Valdez refereed. Cabato then went to Korea to fight the IBF's eighth ranked contender, Chung-Won Chung, stopping him in the second round on November 13.

Elysser Bautista, 115, kayoed Tony Ducay, 115, in 2:50 of the first session in a scheduled 10.

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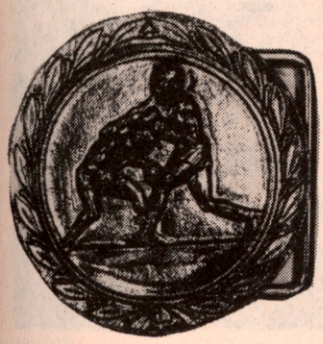

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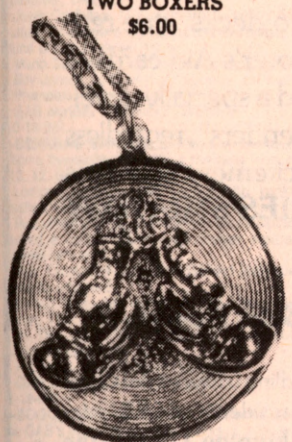

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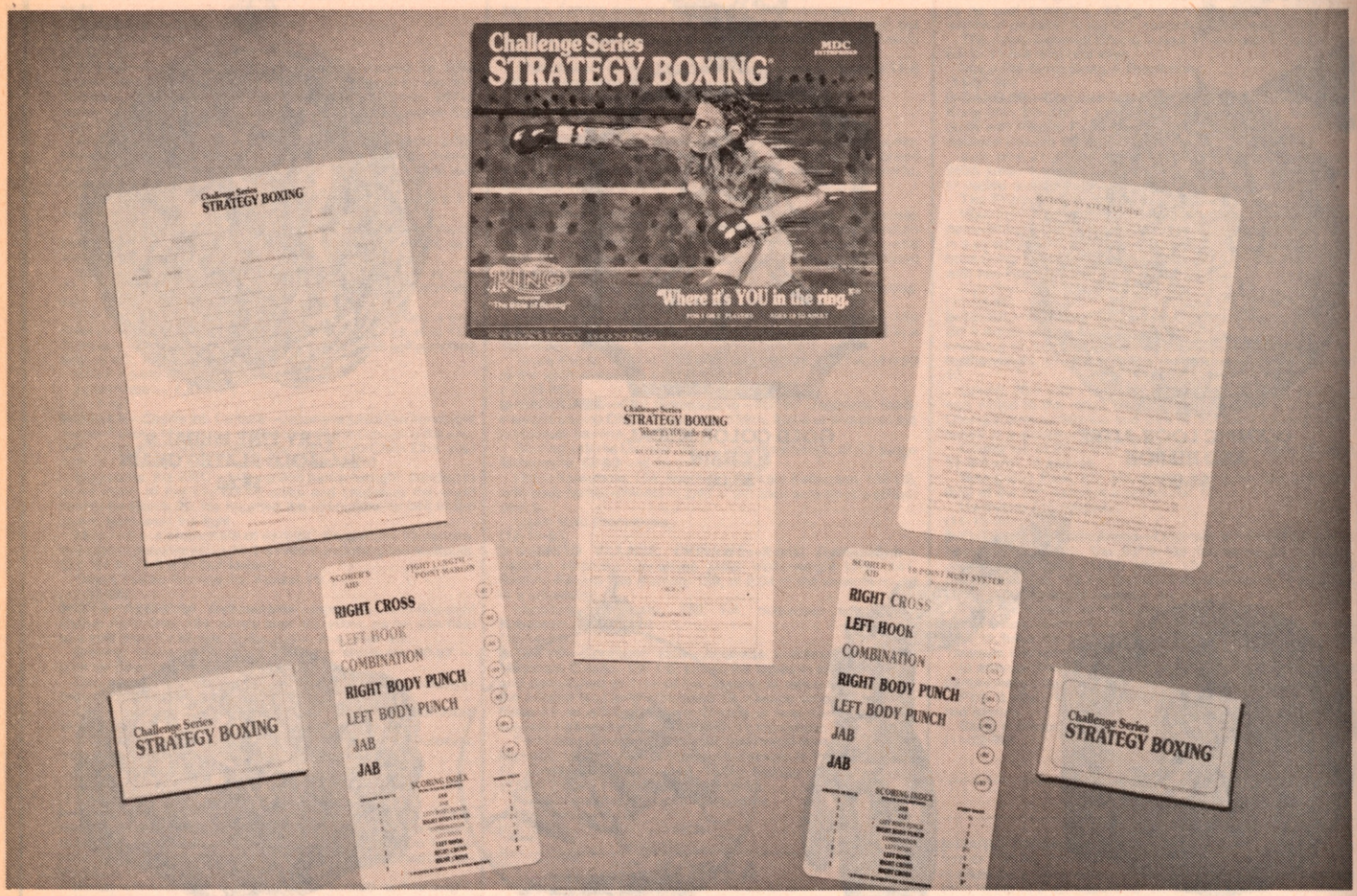

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Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.
GAB witnesses—Vedasto C. Adriano, Ricky Paulino.
(10-04-86)

▶**ABATAN, BENGUET**—Tomas Jardenil, 116, fought to a majority draw with Elmer guevarra, 115 1/2, 8. Ambrosio Guanzo refereed.
Promoter—Tomas Arsenio.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Carlos Dizon.
(10-04-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—BCF Gym**—Al Llanita, the GAB's number three junior lightweight, 136, earned a majority decision over Elmer Pendog, 139, 10. Vic Baldez refereed.
Mon Desoloc, 148, scored a TKO over Tue Salvador, 144, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10. Vic Baldez refereed.
Venecio Esteban, 131 1/2, halted Gary Milanes, 133, in the seventh canto of their scheduled 10.
Tony Agalatiw, 119, won a majority nod over Lorenzo Pormanes, 120, 10.
Promoter—Joseph Pendog.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Carlos Dizon.
(10-11-86)

▶**QUEZON GALLERA, QUEZON BUKIDNON**—Jun Arbas, 122, the GAB's seventh ranked junior featherweight, stopped Efren Guinita, also 122, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.
Al Balaba, 120, took a majority nod over Jun Acope, 120, 10. Joe Calonia refereed.
Jun Ratunir, 110, barely eked out a majority nod over Rex Caling, 110, 8.
Promoter—Lolito Tucme.
GAB witness—Julio B. Caldoza.
(10-11-86)

▶**SAN JOSE, ZAMBOANGA CITY**—Jojo Cayson, the GAB's third ranked featherweight, 130, chalked up a TKO over Rico lequim, also 130, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Ping Reyes refereed.
Ernie Sanico, 126, halted Ric lasaga, also 126, in the sixth session of the first 10. Joe Tabotabo refereed.
Promoter—Ricardo Bella.
(10-11-86)

▶**ISULAN, SULTAN KUDARAT**—Edwin Inocencio, the GAB's top mini-flyweight contender, 107, drew with Nelson Purisima, 106, 10. Rosmito De Leon refereed.
Jerry Serra, 109, stopped Nelson Queriola, 112, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.
(10-12-86)

▶**TALISAY, CEBU**—Rolando Navares, 112 3/4, was ahead on points when he was ruled out as unfit to continue due to an accidental injury. He was declared the winner by a technical decision over Jun Cedeno, 111 1/2, at 1:04 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Teddy Alivio refereed.
Danilo Aiaton, 112, won over Boy dignos, 104, 6.
Promoter—Eddie Abellana.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Ramos Angel.
(10-12-86)

▶**PIGCAWAYAN, NORTH COTABATO**—Danny Ortega, 120, registered a quick TKO over Melchor Ardonia, 120, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Butalid refereed.
Sil Diarota, 113, stopped Jun Estano, 114, in the sixth session of their scheduled 10.
Promoter—Ben Hur Bedia.
(10-17-86)

▶**BUTAN CITY—Butan Gym**—Noel Toledo, the GAB's tenth ranked bantam at 123 1/2, won a unanimous nod over Jun Paciones, 122, 10. Alberto Asirendano refereed.
Leo Sabanal, 139, earned a unanimous verdict over Ric Dulotallas, 140, 10.
Jover Cabellas, 107, won from Danny Grey, 109, 10.
Joseph Galagaran, 113, halted Cel Sagusay, 118, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.
Mario Sumalinog, 120, decisioned Leo Arandora, 121, 10.
Boy Jamer, 122, won a majority nod over Al Alillo, 124, 10.
Promoter—Estrella Ochida.
GAB witness—Danilo Y. Waban.
(10-18-86)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Romy Navarrete, 112, won the Filipino flyweight title with a majority nod over Dadoy Andojar, 112, 12. Sgt. Eddie Siasico refereed.
Loremer Pontino, the GAB's fifth ranked bantam at 119, finished Ric Bajelot, 116, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.
Rudy Patalinghug, the number four Filipino featherweight, 123, earned a split decision over Edgar Apatan, 124, 10. Ramon Vicente refereed.
Rey Tarroza, 112, lost to Robert Balazuela, 112, 10. Antonio Bantista refereed.
Gilbert Albay, 18, was awarded a technical decision over Jerry Duran, 118, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.
Al Tan lee, 114, dropped a unanimous decision to Rey Paciones, also 114, 10
Promoter—Rex Wakee Salud.
GAB witness—Jaime P. Mata.
(1-18-86)

▶**BOGO, CEBU—Bogo Amusements Center**—Joe Guevarra, the GAB's eighth ranked contender, 122, won a unanimous nod over Emiliano Alfrerez, also 122, 10. N. Trinidad refereed.
Ademar Amad, 111, was given a technical decision over Ross Canedo, 111, at 0:52 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10.
Promoter—Corzon Dy Sy.
GAB witness—Aproniano O. Plenos.
(10-18-86)

▶**ANGELES CITY—Nepo Coliseum**—Romy Cunanan, 132, won a unanimous nod over Danilo Contado, also 132, 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.
Cesar Gutierrez, 126, stopped Boy Abobling, also 126, at 1:55 of the fourth round in a scheduled 8.
Promoter—Jesus laxamana.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Leonardo Trinidad.
(10-18-86)

▶**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Having stopped the WBC's top super bantabmweight, Seung-Hoon Lee, in Korea months ago, Rudy Casicas, 123, returned to his country and earned a majority decision over Gerson Brgo, 121, 10. Vic Baldez refereed.
Boy Samson, 115 1/2, unanimously decisioned Roger Pilapil, 118 3/4, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Bert Pucay, 124, TKO'd Richard Agbay, 124, in the tenth and final round.
Nilo Endic, 109 1/2, Jun Tighanon, 106, 8.
Wilson Apurado, 119 1/2, desisioned Mario Batister, 119 1/2, 6.
Promoter—Felimon Vasquez.
GAB witnesses—Rudy Perez, Ricky Paulino.
(10-23-86)

▶**QUEZON CITY—Trinity College Gym**—Bobby Pinos, the GAB's number eight junior bantam, 120 1/2, won a majority nod over Felix Enero, 120 1/2, 10. Vic Baldez refereed.
Ric Santiago, 114, TKO'd Capino, Jr., 114, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.
Emil Romano, 113, stopped Gil Lucban, 114, in the first round a supporting 8.
Promoter—Claudio Petalbo.
GAB witnesses—Rudy Perez, Ricky Paulino.
(10-25-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—BCF Gym**—Sammy Baculong, 113, the GAB's fifth ranked flyweight, pounded out a unanimous nod over Ed Danao, 113½, 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.
Fel malatag 127, was awarded a technical deciion over Fel Salvador, 127 1/2, in the eighth session of a scheduled 10.
Danny Adangla, 132, was held to a split draw by Louie Ilago, 132, 10.
Albert Saxon, 133, won from Leonardo Calmona, 130, 10.
Promoter—Garry Kiwang.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Carlos Dizon.
(10-25-86)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum**—Pat Bracero, top Filipino junior bantamweight contender, 117, a TKO over Jun Acobo, 119, in the fifth session of a scheduled 10. Poncing Esquerra refereed.
Limmy Kid, 116, knocked out Eddie Fernandez, 117¾, in 2:35 of the eighth and final round.
Promoter—Dr. Antonio Almirante.
GAB witness—Danilo Y. Waban.
(10-25-86)

▶**NATUBLING, BENGUET**—Bernabe Aliping, 131 3/4, unanimously decisioned Eugenio Narudo, 132 1/2, 10. R.M. Chan refereed.
Promoter—Raffy Panagan.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Vedasto Adriano.
(10-26-86)

▶**DAVAO CITY—Davao Complex Gym**—Fernando Carupo, 120, won a unanimous verdict over Samuel Idulsa, 121, 10. Aleria refereed Promoter—Teofilo Perote.
GAB witnesses—Jaime Mata, Romeo Fordaliza, Rudy Ja'ier.
(10-25-86)

▶**MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL**—Boy Ligas, 129, unanimously whipped Leo Sabanal, 133, on points in 10. Paulino Butalid refereed.
Young Rey, 111, won an upset majority decision from Anthony Redniza, 110, in the semi-final 10.
Promoter—Julian Tan, Jr.
GAB's witness—Jaime Mata.
(10-26-86)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Eric Chavez, 105 1/2, won a technical decision over Jun Altarejos, also 105 1/2, in the fourht session in a scheduled 10. Vic Baldez refereed.
Bert Granciosa, 122 1/2, unanimously decisioned Gil Ragas, 122 1/2, 10.
Joe Hiyas, a busy campaigner at 122 1/2, won over Carlos Castigador, 122 1/2, in a unanimous 10.
Promoter—Laura S. Elorde.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Carlos Dizon, Carlos Roman,
(10-29-86)

▶**OLONGAPO CITY**—Tacy Macalos, 107, scored an eighth round TKO over Little Baguio, 107 3/4, in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Faustino Simbajon, 110 1/2, eked out a split decision over Perez, Jr., 113, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Tom Ramos, 120, stopped Al Sicat, 119, in the third session of a scheduled 10.
Bobby Arcillas, 112, halted Jerry Flores, 112, in the sixth canto of a supporting 8.
Star Dayanan, 125, barely decisioned Joe Labrador, 126, 6.
Promoter—Ramon Laines.
GAB's witnesses—Emmanuel Flores, Daz Adriano.
(10-30-86)

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THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamuth Singsamang, the Thai Commission's fourth ranked flyweight, 114, returned from Japan after a kayo defeat by Hideaki Kamishiro and stopped Phansak S. Kiatphothong, 117, in the sixth and final round.
(11-01-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Suradej Klongphajorn, a veteran lightweight ranked second by the TBC, 120, scored an easy knockout over Songdech Pongart, 133, in the first minute of the opening round in a scheduled 6.
(11-02-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Charn Sithcharnsak, 110, polished off Mongkol Sithvatyang, 110, in the second round of a scheduled 6. Charn is now 7-1 with six knockouts.
(11-04-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ngardum Soryanava, 115, was knocked out by a former amateur boxer named Saksurin Karnbinthai, 114, in the third round of a scheduled 6.
(11-05-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lukmaturee, the TBC's third ranked lightweight, 132, easily demolished Jaraud Jockyhym, 135, in the second session of a scheduled 6.
The loser was engaging in his first international style fight, and proved no match for his experienced opponent. Thongbern is now 31-8-1.
(11-07-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Surasit Meeprasert, 115, seized the vacant Lumpinee Stadium junior bantamweight title with a unanimous decision (98-97 and double 98-96) over Tepratum Eakchatchingchai, also 115, 10.
There were no knockdowns. It was a close fight, with both men bleeding from cuts over the left eyebrow.
Surasit, just 18, is now 31-5 with 17 knockouts. The loser, ranked number one by the TBC, fell to 8-1 with 5 kayoes.
(11-11-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Noree Jockygym, the TBC's top flyweight contender, 118, stopped Makepat Singbornsuan, also 118, in the fourth round of a scheduled 6.
(11-12-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chan Rungrojana, the TBC's top ranked junior lightweight, 130, hit the canvas in the third round and lost an upset decision to former featherweight boss Ayuthaya Sithpakamron, 129, 6.
Chan is now 11-2 with 9 kayoes. Ayuthaya is 6-3-1.
(11-13-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Petchainat Donjadee, the TBC's top ranked junior flyweight, 114, found it easy to finish Mana S. Kiatphothong, 114, in the third session of a scheduled 6.
Petchainat had recently returned from the Philippines, where he was knocked out by Edel Geronimo in the first round.
The winner is now 18-9 with 9 knockouts.
(11-15-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sombut Euasampan, the TBC's number seven bantam, 117, was floored by a right cross from Daungdao k. Korsang, 118, and his right eye was almost closed. But Sombut knocked his man out with a vicious left hook in 2:37 of the fourth round in a scheduled 6.
(11-19-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Berkreg Sitherseur, the TBC's sixth ranked mini-flyweight, 105, TKO'd Thaveedech Sithnaruapol, 106, in the third session of a scheduled 6.
(11-23-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Eak Donjadee, the top Thai flyweight contender, 120, knocked out Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 118, in the second session of a scheduled 6.
(11-20-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatpongchinda, 112, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender, easily disposed of debuting Pornchai Sithvatyang, 110, in the first round of a scheduled 6.
Thavat is now 13-9 with 5 kayoes.
(11-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongtong Chor Saunarnan, 109, demolished Lanthong Chalothorn, 110, in the opening canto of a scheduled 6.
(11-28-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Rithchai Lukmingkwan, the TBC's number seven junior flyweight, 114, stopped Phansak S. Kiatphothong, 117, in the first round of a scheduled 6.
(11-30-86)

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PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Centre**—Charlie Lewis, 135½, scored a comfortable points win over Dave Bell, 129¾, 10. A good fight, fast and interesting. Lewis is a boy to watch.
Mario Crisafulli, 127, won an eight-round points decision over veteran Bobby Williams, who came in heavier than usual at 120. Bobby is really a flyweight. Good fight.
Darwin North, 159¾, outpointed Robert Newton, 153½, six.
David Stevens, 134½, outpointed Adam Schachter, 141, four.
(11-20-86)

▶**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Troy Waters, 151¼, outpointed Paul Toweel, 154, over 12 rounds, the margin being clear. Judge Billy Males carded 117-112, judge Joe Keegan 117-113, judge

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Artie Armstrong 119-109. Non-scoring referee was John Cauchi.

Reason for this being contested over 12 rounds was that the Australian Boxing Federation sanctioned the contest for the "vacant Australian junior middleweight title." This was ridiculous. The same Toweel met Steve Renwick for that vacant title three months earlier, and Renwick won the decision. So how could Toweel be paired with Waters for the "vacant" title? Waters beat Toweel easier than Renwick did, so he could beat Renwick on that score. If he does, *then* he will be Australian champion. Renwick would be the defender in such a contest.

The Waters-Toweel bout was a good one to watch. Toweel told me later that he believed Renwick would beat Waters. Not only a matter of style, but Toweel said he was fitter for the Renwick fight than he was for Waters. We will see when Troy meets Steve.

Six rounds: Brett Beakin, 155½, outpointed Warren Jenner, 161, unanimous. Beakin a punch ahead all the way. Happy Man, 173, KO 5 Billy Mitris, 176. Terry Roberts, 147, KO 4 Stewart Weekes, 140. Roberts is worth watching. Has a punch, looks good, could go to the top.

(11-26-84)

▶**PORT KEMBLA—Leagues Club**—It was a wild one here. Alex Temelkov, former junior middleweight champion of Australia, met Fijian Sakaraia Ve for the South Pacific middleweight title, a title Ve had won with a points decision over the previous holder, Paul Toweel, in September in Fiji. (This reporter refereed.) Ve is a brilliant boxer—if he is allowed room to box. Temelkov did not allow him that room. He piled in on top at the first bell and the only times he was not on top after that were during the rest periods between rounds and when one or the other was on the floor.

Temelkov went down from a low blow in round one; referee John Wright applied the "no foul" rule. He applied it again in round 10 when Ve was struck low. Ve also took counts in round five (once) and round 10 (twice). Rough fight, won by Temelkov with scores of 117-111 by judge Ray Mitchell, 118-113 by judge John Cauchi, 117-114 by judge Ray Wheatley. Received a very large shower of cash from the capacity house. Temelkov 160, Ve 156¼.

Former Australian lightweight champion Billy Mulholland, 138¼, made a comeback and easily outpointed comebacking Steve Walker, 143¼, eight. Not an exciting fight, but Mulholland showed his reflexes are still sharp.

In another eight, Joe Taupau, 156, outpointed Steve Henry, 153¼, in an action-packed fight thatt drew a shower of cash. Taupau, an Islander, has the name Johnny Taupau. So has his older brother. To distinguish the two, I use the name Joe for the younger brother.

John Hunt, 157½, stopped newcomer Robert Westwood, 150½, in round three of a six. Westwood seemed overawed.

Over four rounds, Taylor Jabbor, 146, drew with Tommy Diab, 153¾. Two newcomers who put on a good show.

(11-27-86)

▶**MARRICKVILLE—RSL Club**—Peter Mitrevski, 114, knocked out John Dabbene, 114, in round four of what had been an action packed fight. Mitrevski took a count in round one but took charge in round two, continued in round three and flattened Dabbene with a left hook in round four for a countout.

The contest was scheduled for 12 rounds and billed for the vacant Australian junior bantamweight title. It was a promoter's sanction—not recognized by the Australian Boxing Federation, the Professional Boxing Association of Australia International, nor the Government. In other words, it was not sanctioned as a title fight by any official organization. It was not a title fight!

Over six rounds Brett Beakin, 157¾, KO 4 Darwin North, 158¼. No knockdowns, but North was hammered and retired in his corner at the end of round four.

Chris Dawe, 138, met Roger Henry, 139½, in another scheduled six. Henry received a cut eye in round five, so referee Mick Bennetto stopped the fight and crowned Dawe a K.O. winner. Yet the injury was caused by a head clash, and there is a rule in Australia that such an ending from an accidental head clash means that the decision goes, *on points*, to the boxer who is leading on points. So Dawe (ahead) should have won on points.

Dave Stevens, 139, butted his way out of a scheduled six with Jimmy Henry, 137. Stevens was disqualified in round three.

Over four rounds Mark Lund, 126½, outpointed Abnormal Romeo, 140.

(12-07-86)

▶**MOORE PARK—Hordern Pavilion**—Tommy Cordova from New Mexico came here to fight IBF bantam champion Jeff Fenech, but Fenech injured a hand and had an operation some weeks ago. It is back in plaster. His place was taken by his gym mate, Shane Knox, former amateur champion of Australia, who entered the ring against Cordova with an unbeaten pro record of seven fights. Knox weighed 129½, Cordova 131. Went the full 10 rounds at a very fast pace with Knox a clear points winner. As this reporter saw it unofficially, Knox won 97-93. Judge Garry Lowe scored 99-95, judge John Wright carded 99-93 while judge Jimmy Carruthers tallied a surprising 100-95, not conceding Cordova a round. Knox certainly won clearly.

There was another 10 on the bill. Tongan Tony Fulilangi, who has a world rating by the WBC in the cruiserweight division, met Australian heavyweight champion Dean Waters. Fulilangi had a record of 40 fights, one loss. Don't believe he will ever make cruiserweight again; he scaled 209. Waters, who entered the ring with a record of four pro fights (all wins), came in at 215.

Turned out to be a very good fight that excited the crowd. Decision went to Fulilangi on points, though how anyone could see Fulilangi winner of this fight, this reporter does not know. Close but Waters definitely won (I had 96-94 in his favor). Judge Garry Lowe tallied Waters winner, 98-95. One judge carded Fulilangi winner, 96-95, the other an amazing 98-94! The crowd hooted the decision loudly, though they showered the ring (before the decision was announced) with quite a bit of cash.

Over eight rounds, Chris Dawe, 134¾, outpointed Rodney Brown, 133¼, in a good fast fight. Dawe won very clearly. A rising boy who is going places!

Over six rounds, Moli Kaufusi, 193¼, outpointed Daniel Saylor, 190½, unanimous decision. Solid fight.

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4. Mark Breland (U.S.)
5. Simon Brown (U.S.)
6. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
7. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
8. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
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11. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
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13. Gene Hatcher (U.S.)
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15. Tomas Molinares (Columbia)
16. Darryl Anthony (U.S.)
17. Yun-Kil Chung (Korea)
18. Brian Janssen (Australia)
19. Jose Varela (Germany)
20. Luis Santana (U.S.)
21. Felipe Canela (U.S.)
22. Charles Nwokolo (Nigeria)
23. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
24. Sabiyala Diavilla (Zaire)
25. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
26. Helio Santana (Brazil)
27. Manning Galloway (U.S.)
28. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
29. Efisio Galici (Italy)
30. Hector Hugo Vilte (Argentina)

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Champion
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2. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
3. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
4. Ronnie Shields (U.S.)
5. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)
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7. Juan M. Coggi (Argentina)
8. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
9. Howard Davis, Jr. (U.S.)
10. Meldrick Taylor (U.S.)
11. Gary Hinton (U.S.)
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14. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
15. John Wesley Meekins (U.S.)
16. Tony Jones (Australia)
17. Alberto M. Cortes (Argentina)
18. Andy Nance (U.S.)
19. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
20. Harold Brazier (Philippines)
21. Ricky Young (U.S.)
22. Allen Allegria (Philippines)
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19. Sakad Petchyindee (Thailand)
20. Tyrone Crawley (U.S.)

21. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
22. Rene Weller (Germany)
23. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
24. Dale Artango (Australia)
25. Roberto Nunez (Dom. Rep.)
26. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
27. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
28. Walter Sims (U.S.)
29. Cheyenne Yamamoto (Japan)
30. Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan (U.S.)

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Champion
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1. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Johnny de la Rosa (Dom. Rep.)
4. Juan LaPorte (U.S.)
5. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
6. Lester Ellis (Australia)
7. Dwight Pratchett (U.S.)
8. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
9. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
10. Mario Miranda (Columbia)
11. Daniel Londas (France)
12. Chung-Won Chung (Korea)
13. Refugio Rojas (Mexico)
14. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)
15. Felipe Julio (Columbia)
16. Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)
17. Pasqual Aranda (U.S.)
18. Ralphe Sims (U.S.)
19. Manuel Batista (Mexico)
20. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
21. Kamel Bou Ali (Tunisia)
22. Vinnie Costello (U.S.)
23. Pedro Gutierrez (Argentina)
24. Najib Daho (Great Britain)
25. Eduardo Galan (Argentina)
26. Tony Pep (Canada)
27. Tony Lopez (U.S.)
28. Roberto DeFooz (Argentina)
29. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
30. Raul Blanco (Argentina)

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
3. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
4. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
5. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
6. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
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12. Robert Rivera (Puerto Rico)
13. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
14. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
15. Joe Ruelas (U.S.)
16. Ki-Yong Chung (Korea)
17. Osmar Avila (Argentina)
18. Danilo Cabrera (Dom. Rep.)
19. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
20. Richard Savage (U.S.)
21. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
22. Eijiro Kuruma (Japan)
23. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
24. George Navarro (U.S.)
25. Irving Mitchell (U.S.)
26. Hector Lopez (Mexico)
27. Byung-Soo Park (Korea)
28. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
29. Tony Miller (Australia)
30. Alvaro Bohorquez (Columbia)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS

Champion
Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
1. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
2. Jaime Garcia (U.S.)
3. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
4. Tommy Valoy (Dom. Rep.)
5. Harold Petty (U.S.)
6. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
7. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
8. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
9. Loris Stecca (Italy)
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11. Valerio Nati (Italy)
12. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
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14. Payoonsak Muangsurin (Thailand)
15. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
16. Jose Benavides (U.S.)
17. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
18. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
19. George Garcia (U.S.)
20. James Pipps (U.S.)
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22. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
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28. Jorge Urbina Diaz (Mexico)
29. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
30. Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi (Japan)

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Champion
Miguel Lora (Colombia)
1. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
2. Ki-Youl Kang (Korea)
3. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
4. Albert Davila (U.S.)
5. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
6. Azael Moran (Panama)
7. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)
8. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
9. Antoine Montero (France)
10. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
11. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
12. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
13. Wilfredo Vasquez (U.S.)
14. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
15. Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
16. Enrique Sanchez (Mexico)
17. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
18. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
19. Changuito Carmona (Mexico)
20. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
21. Ciro de Leva (Italy)
22. Raul Perez (Mexico)
23. Ernie Cataluna (Philippines)
24. Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)
25. James Manning (U.S.)
26. Juan C. Cortes (Argentina)
27. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
28. Ali Camacho (Venezuela)
29. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
30. Rocky Chitalada (Thailand)

SUPER FLYWEIGHTS

Champion
Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
1. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
2. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
3. Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
4. Kongtoranee Payakaroon (Thailand)
5. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
6. Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)
7. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
8. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
9. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
10. Juan Polo Perez (Columbia)
11. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
12. Michael Parrish (Guyana)
13. Eudo Bermudez (Columbia)
14. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
15. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
16. Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
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Champion
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28. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
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30. Fernando Varguez (Mexico)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS

Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
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2. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
5. Seiji Tomari (Japan)
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7. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
8. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
9. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
10. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
11. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
12. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
13. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
14. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
15. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
16. Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan)
17. Moon-Jin Choi (Korea)
18. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
19. Roy Thompson (Panama)
20. Little Baguio (Philippines)
21. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
22. German Torres (Mexico)
23. Mahasamuth Sithnaruepon (Thailand)
24. Kyun-Jae Chae (Korea)
25. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
26. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
27. Memo Flores (Mexico)
28. Juan Afable (Philippines)
29. Agapito Gomez Alvarado (Spain)
30. Hector Patri (Argentina)

Terry Roberts, 145¾, had his second pro fight and kayoed Al Hallett, 144¾, in round one of a scheduled four. In another four, Hercules Hazelman, 155½ (who has fought main events), outpointed Etuate Langi, 158, who chased Hazelman throughout but could not catch him; Hercules jabbed and hooked while on the backmove. About the only time Langi touched Hazelman was when they shook hands. In another four, Taylor Jabbor, 142¾, outpointed Abnormal Romeo, 137, who boxed this one under the name Rambo Romeo.
(12-11-86)

▶**LAKEMBA—Services Memorial Club**—Daniel Saylor, 181, headlined against Andrew Foster, 217, over eight rounds. It did not last that long, Saylor knocking out Foster in round six. Saylor was a class above Foster, but the loser gave value to help make it a very interesting encounter.

Joe Taupau, 158, halted Steve Henry, 153, in the first round of a scheduled six. Henry went down twice.

In fours, Frank Lapa, 147, KO 2 Tommy Diab, 151, and Mark Lund, 133, outpointed Abnormal Romeo, 138.

In a three-rounder, Darren Mees, 161, halted John Wanless, 161, in round two.
(12-13-86)

▶**NOTES**—Bad news. One of Australia's keenest boxing fans, a man who did so much for boxing with publicity, has died. He was Les Gibbons, who published and edited 95 issues of a small monthly magazine called *Small Glove News*. Nice fellow, Les. I knew him very well over the past 21 years or so. He was 50. Leaves a widow, Patricia, sons Jack and Russell, daughters Patricia and Angela. His body was found December 1, and this reporter attended his funeral on December 4.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Function Centre**—Local idol Tony Jones, 138½, got his big chance but came unstuck. Australian junior welter champ Pat Leglise, 138½, was too good. Jones won the first round. In round four, he decked Leglise with a solid blow but Leglise quickly regained his feet and took charge. In round six, he balled up Jones against the ropes and belabored him. Referee Bill Ivory jumped in and gave Jones a standing count. At the end of the eight seconds, Jones said "no more" and walked to his corner. That rocked the fans—and promoter Wayne Cuthbertson, who was so upset that he did not pay the officials.

Two six-rounders: Dean Colbung, 119, outpointed Neville Rosario, 119. Lorne Lehman, 138¾, stopped Paul Sumit, 133¼, at the end of round two because of a cut eye suffered by Sumit.
(11-19-86)

QUEENSLAND

▶**BEENLEIGH—Rugby League Football Club Ground**—Percy Israel, 135, stopped Graeme Jeffries, also 135, in round eight of a scheduled 10 for the vacant Queensland State lightweight title. Israel won every round and, in the eighth, decked Jeffries, who was dazed. Referee Denzil Creed stopped the fight without counting.

Six rounds: Shane Fooks, 118, drew with Scott Baker, 122. Neil Garland, 125, outpointed Roy Saunders, 128.

Mike Slivka, 139, outpointed John Crouch, 140, four.
(12-06-86)

▶**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—On August 4, Mark Janssen narrowly outpointed Paul James to win the vacant Australian middleweight title. As usual with close contests, there was some dispute about the decision, so promoter Reg Layton made a rematch for the title, Janssen defending, of course. This time, Janssen outclassed and outfought James and twice decked him in round seven. The towel came in and referee Alan Moore stopped the fight and crowned Janssen.

In a 10-round support, Emmanuel Otti, 171, halted Fijian Mosese Vilia, 178½, in round four. No knockdowns though there was a standing count applied to Vilia in round four.

In another 10, Doug Sam, 175, stopped Fijian Flo Raugna, 180, in two. Raugna did not appear to want to fight, and referee Moore stopped it.

Tom West, 158¾, outpointed Noel Thornberry, 160, over eight rounds.

Peter Short, 112, KO 2 Col Milton, 109, scheduled for six.
(12-08-86)

VICTORIA

▶**MELTON—Indoor Recreation Centre**—Attila Fogas, 144, halted Sydney boxer Tommy Woods, 143¼, in round six of the headline 10. Fogas was in charge all the way, though Woods made him work hard.

Six rounds: Paul Delosa, 145½, stopped Abnormal Romeo, 136¾, in the final round. Romeo troubled Delosa early, but the more experienced Delosa took over properly in round four.

In another six, Moli Kaufusi, 194, halted Niki Skoric, 189½, in round four.

Robert Ngawaka, 152¼, won a split decision over Jim Diogardi, 154½, four.
(11-15-86)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

▶**ADELAIDE—Bridgeway Hotel**—Not much boxing goes on in South Australia. On this card, there were three 10-rounders.

Local heavy Kevin Barry, 220½, met late substitute David Bonney, 187, and stopped him in round five. Barry had been matched with an American sailor named Dwayne Jackson, who was supposed to be in Perth, but nobody could find him. Enter a man who called himself David Bonney. He showed he had experience, though under what name is unknown at present. Comes from England, we believe. Ran out of gas.

In another 10, Gary Clarke KO 2 Eric Rigney for the vacant SA State lightweight title.

In another 10, Austin Taylor KO 3 late substitute Laurie Aguis. This was billed for the vacant SA junior welter title, though Aguis had never had a pro fight. Not many boxers in South Australia.
(11-30-86)

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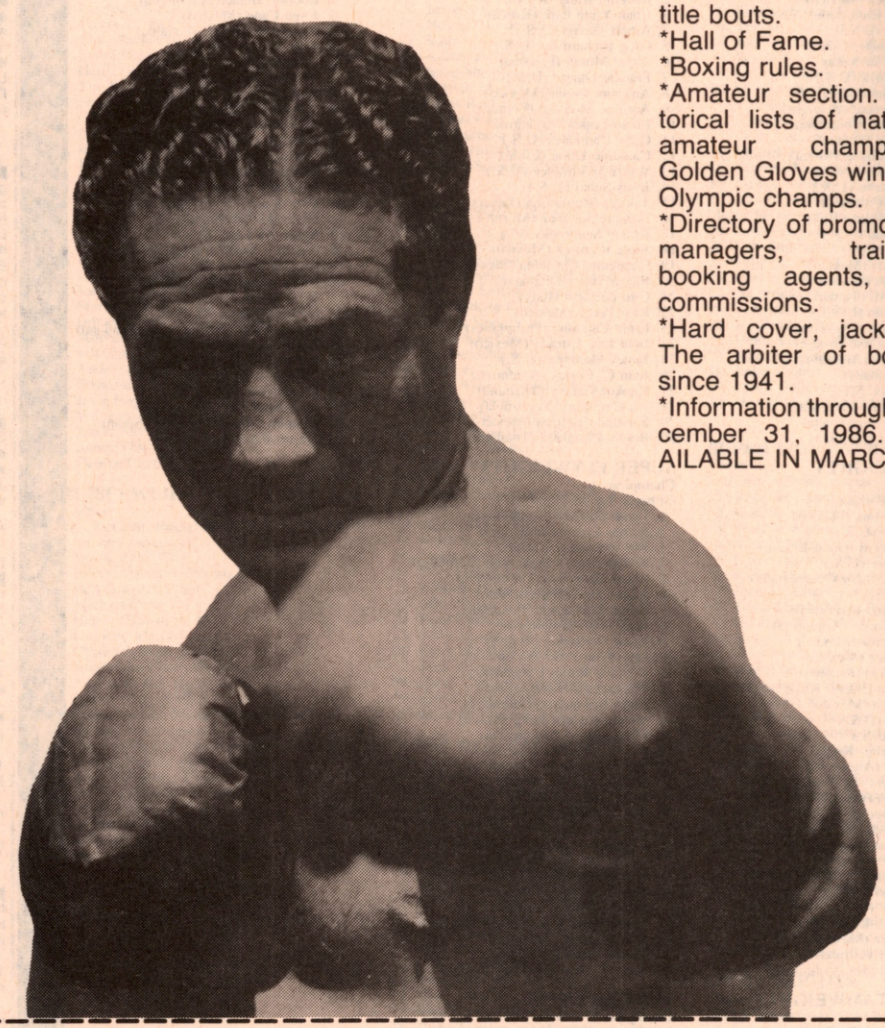

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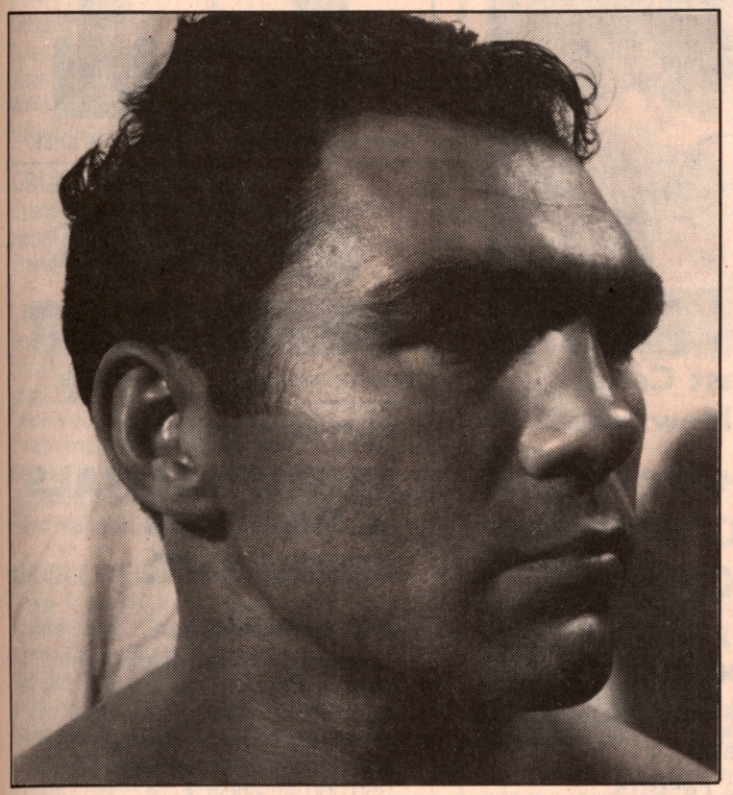

Even the "Answerman" couldn't help reader Bob Lete with his inquiry about Max Schmeling's autobiography. Can anyone out there help?

Q: Where can I write to former WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver? I have followed Mike's career since 1978.

GARY ZEIG II
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A: *Try writing the former "Black Hercules" c/o the California State Athletic Commission, 1021 O Street, Room A-153, Sacramento, Calif. 95814.*

Q: Where can I obtain a copy of Max Schmeling's autobiography, published in Germany under the title *Ich Boxte mich Durchs Leben* in 1967? Is it available in English?

BOB LETE
Alvin, Ill.

A: *I've never heard of the book before, and doubt if it was translated into English. There is only a very small, hard core market for books on boxing.*

Q: Who is the fellow weighing in with Tod Morgan on page 27 of the November issue of *The Ring?* It sure ain't Benny Bass.

BUDDY EY
Baltimore, Md.

A: *The original wire caption fell off of the copy in our files, and the photo was subsequently mislabeled. Cannonball Eddie Martin is the fighter in question.*

Q: What was Memphis Pal Moore's lifetime pro record?

HAL DANIELS
Knoxville, Tenn.

A: *Moore, who claimed the world bantamweight title after outpointing Johnny Ertle on April 10, 1918, boxed from 1913 to 1930, winning 145, losing 40, and drawing 29 of his 229 paid bouts. (The remaining 15 bouts were "no decisions" still untraced in contemporary newspapers.) Moore also won the Inter-Allied bantamweight title in London in December, 1918, outpointing Private Pattern, Johnny Hughes, and then professional world flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde in four-round tournament bouts.*

Q: Which was the first IBF title fight?

TOD H. CLEMM
Flint, Mich.

A: *Bobby Berna vs. Seung-In Suh at Munhwa Gymnasium in Seoul, Korea on December 4, 1983 for the vacant IBF junior featherweight title. Berna won when Suh retired after nine rounds. Joe Cortez refereed the scheduled 15-rounder.*

Q: Who was the first American to win a world title in England?

JAMES TUCKER
Provo, Utah

A: *George Dixon. He won the vacant 116-pound title by knocking out Nunc Wallace in the 18th round at London's Pelican Club on June 27, 1890.*

Q: Who holds the all-time record for most kayoes by a southpaw?

THOMAS M. SHRINER
Redding, Calif.

A: *George (K.O.) Chaney. The Baltimore featherweight scored at least 86 kayoes in a career that began in 1910 and ended in 1925.*

Q: What was Billy Miske's real name?

HARVEY CLARKE
Evansville, Ill.

A: *William Arthur Miske. Billy campaigned from 1913 to 1923, and was one of the game's top light heavyweights and heavies. He fought Jack dempsey thrice — twice in 1918 and once in 1920, the last bout a title affair in which Miske was kayoed in three. Miske died of Bright's Disease on January 1, 1924. He was a fine fighter and a truly courageous man.*

Q: What is the oldest amateur boxing competition in the world?

JOHN G. BLOOM
Billings, Mont.

A: *The Amateur Boxing Association tournament in Britain, which dates back to 1881. (The ABA succeeded the Queensberry Amateur Tournament, which began in 1867, only two years after the Queensberry rules were introduced.) The USABF (formerly National AAU) tournament is the oldest of its kind in the U.S. It began in 1888.*

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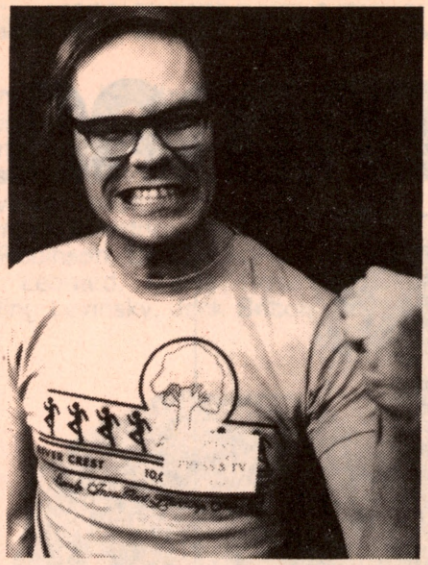

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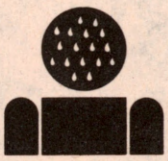

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
James Smith TKO1 Tim Witherspoon
(Won WBA Title)
Tyrell Biggs W10 Renaldo Snipes
Jimmy Clark TKO2 Mickey Pryor
Willie de Wit TKO4 Lorenzo Canady
Mike Evans TKO5 Mike Cohen

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Evander Holyfield KO3 Michael Brothers
Henry Tillman TKO4 Stanley Ross
Frank Lux TKO4 Ron Kern

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Bobby Czyz TKO1 David Sears
(Retained IBF Title)
Virgil Hill W12 Clarence Osby
(Won Vacant Continental Americas Title)
Uriah Grant TKO6 Manuel Murillo
Booker T. Word W10 Dawud Shaw
Richard Caramanolis TKO1 Lennie Howard
Sean Mannion W8 Doug Mallett

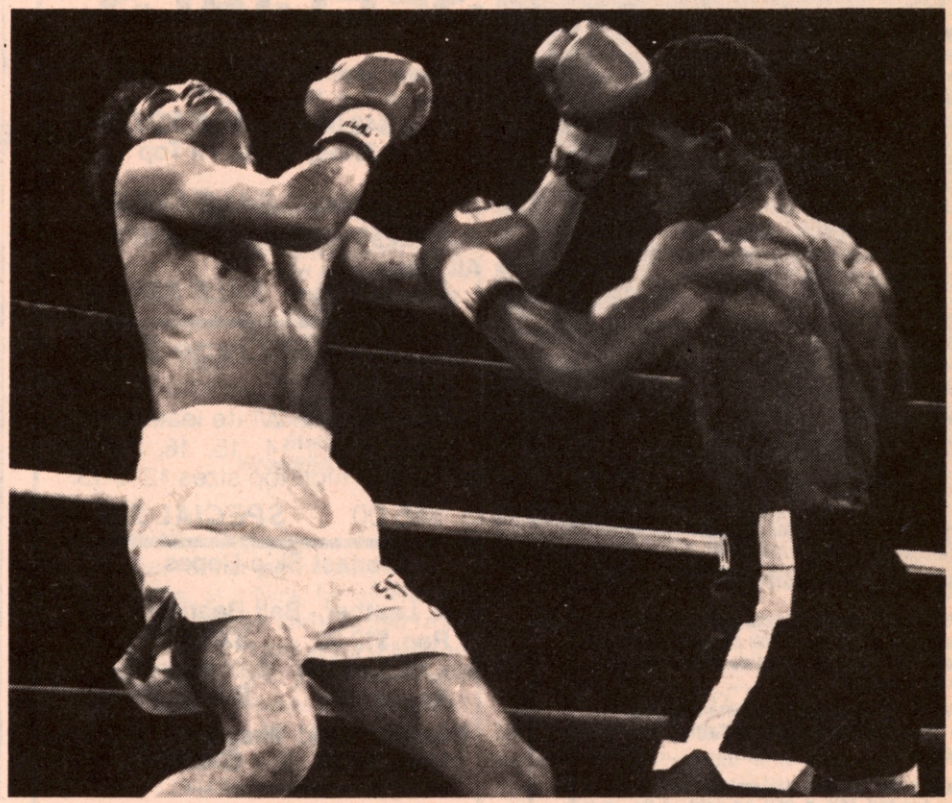
MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Frank Tate W10 Kevin Watts
Charlie Boston TKO8 Errol Christie
Kenny Snow TKO10 Darryl Spain
Richard Burton TK03 Pat Prisco
Mark Holmes W10 Ernest Jackson
Muhammad Eltassi W10 Jimmy Ellis, Jr.
Lenny LaPaglia TKO5 Mike Moore
Tyrone Frazier TKO8 Art Baylis
Johnny Melfah KO5 Mark Mills

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Matthew Hilton KO2 Willie Clayton
Darnell Knox TKO5 Sammy Brooks
Carlos Elliott TKO5 Roland Aldemir
Norberto Bueno KO5 Sammy Matos
John Moore TKO4 Don Williams
Gary Stretch TKO4 Steve Davies

WELTERWEIGHTS
Ricky Anderson W12 Denis Sigouin
(Retained Canadian Title)
Rip Rettig TKO4 Don Johnson
Jesse Flores KO7 Willie Makitoki
Tyrone Moore TKO6 Tim Rabon
Young Dick Tiger KO2 Dionisio Castillo
Rollin Williams W8 Phila. Steve Little

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Andy Nance W10 Lonnie Smith
Vincent Releford W10 Ricky Young
John Meekins TKO5 George Leach
Dave McCabe TKO4 Ken Foreman
Rodney Moore W8 Anthony DeShields

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Terrence Alli W10 Roberto Medina



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Lightweight contender Miguel (El Zorro) Santana rocks Felix (Jawbreaker) Gonzalez into the ropes with a left hook en route to six-round TKO victory in Atlantic City.

Pernell Whitaker W10 Alfredo Layne
Meldrick Taylor TKO2 Danny Vargas
Jose Luis Ramirez KO2 John Sinegal
Cubanito Perez W10 Steve Larrimore
Miguel Santana TKO6 Felix Gonzalez
John Duplessis W10 Edwin Curet
Lloyd Christie TKO6 Tony Adams
Marvin Garris TKO7 Anthony Williams
(Retained pennsylvania State Title)
Walter Sims W10 Joey Olivera
Steve Boyle TKO6 Simon Eubanks
Ian McLeod W8 Ray Newby
Alex Dickson W8 Stanley Jones
Jean-Baptiste Mendy KO3 Mike Durvan

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Julio Cesar Chavez W12 Juan LaPorte
(Retained WBC Title)
Kenny Baysmore TKO2 Don Caples
(Retained USBA Title)
Jean-Marc Renard Draw 12 Daniel Londas
(Retained European Title)
Shane Knox W10 Tommy Cordova
Genaro Hernandez W10 J.L. Ivey
Jeff Silva Draw 10 Francisco Arreola

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Tracy Harris KO2 Richard Campbell
Carlos Zarate KO7 Alex Galvan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Samart Payakaroon TKO12 Juan Meza
(Retained WBC Title)
Daniel Zaragoza TKO7 Mike Ayala
(Won NABF Title)
Jaime Garza TKO5 Carlos Linares
Jorge Diaz TKO5 Tony Montoya

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Gilberto Roman W12 Kong. Payakaroon
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Elly Pical KO10 Doon-Chun Lee
(Retained IBF Junior Bantamweight Title)
Louis Gomis TKO4 Lee Cargle

FLYWEIGHTS
Sot Chitalada W12 Gabriel Bernal
(Retained WBC Title)
Jung-Koo Chang TKO5 Hideyuki Ohashi
(Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)
Duke McKenzie W12 Giampiero Pinna
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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by CHARLIE SPINA

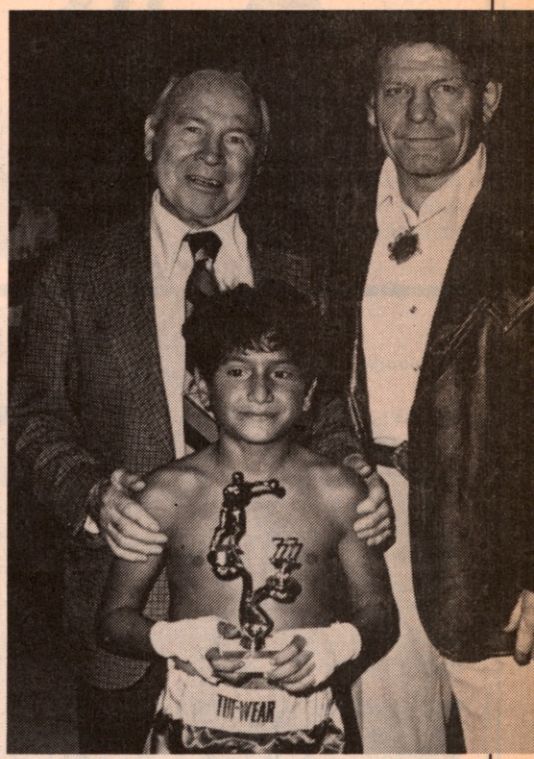
LOTS OF PEOPLE WONDER WHAT HAPpens to former boxers and wrestlers after they retire from competition. Well, retired gladiators from the Los Angeles area are fortunate to have a group called the Golden State Boxing and Wrestling Association, a social club which helps former boxers and wrestlers maintain ties with each other and their sport.

The group meets every Tuesday for lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factor in Hollywood, enjoying each other's camaraderie and reliving old times. The members often stage benefit shows and donate their services to help raise money for various charities. They also raise funds to buy athletic equipment for youth groups.

Former heavyweight wrestling champ Billy Varga is president of the association, and former welterweight king Jimmy McLarnin is vice president. They, along with others such as Hall-of-Famer Archie Moore, also give talks at YMCAs and various police-sponsored organizations for youngsters. McLarin, who is still in tip-top shape, also enjoys teaching young boys how to box.

The organization also includes many notable actors among its membership such as Sly Stallone, Anthony Quinn, Aldo Ray, and Rory Calhoun.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES:
New York City's Downtown AC staged its annual "Salute to Boxing Greats" night honoring undefeated welterweight contender Mark Breland. Also honored were Ray Arcel, the dean of boxing trainers, and Ray Mancini, the former lightweight champion. The evening was dedicated to the memory of Eddie Pitcher, a longtime friend of boxing who died in April of 1986 . . . A testimonial dinner honoring New Jersey Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard was held at the Town and Campus in Union, New Jersey. Mr. Hazzard was the recipient of the Tony Janiro Memorial Award for outstanding service to the sport of boxing. The award was presented by Ralph Citro of Blackwood, New Jersey . . . I ran into Bobby Ruffin, former great lightweight of the 30s and 40s, at a New Jersey Hall of Fame dinner. Bobby recently retired from his job as a security guard at First Boston Corporation. Ruffin is in good health and said he is looking to resume managing and training pro boxers now that he has the time to devote to the task. Ruffin can be reached at: 225 Commonwealth Street, Franklin Square, New York 11010 . . . Jim Balukevich was recently inducted into the Washington, D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame at the Touchdown Club in D.C. Jim has been a boxer and a staunch supporter of the sport since his boyhood days as golden glover. He boxed for the U.S. Army in Hawaii and most recently in the Senior Olympics, where he won the American middleweight title. Jim is also the founding father of the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame and an active member of the D.C. boxing commission . . . Ring 25 of Essex, Morris and Union Counties of New Jersey held its annual Christmas party at Biase's Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey. As in the past, all money made from the event was donated to St. Peter's Orphanage in Newark. Honored were: Max (Mickey Valenti) Rabinowitz, Ruby Mansbach, and Rich Strange. A gathering of around 300 enjoyed a most cordial evening . . . The World Boxing Hall of Fame's Banquet of Champions was held at the Marriot Hotel in Los Angeles. Among the former champions who attended were: Muhammad Ali, Jake LaMotta, Beau Jack, Archie Moore, Bobo Olson, Alexis Arguello, Ray Mancini, Danny Lopez, and Carlos Palomino . . .



Former welterweight boxing champion Jimmy McLarnin (left) and former heavyweight wrestling champ Billy Varga present a trophy to young boxer Tony Bravo. Both McLarnin and Varga are active members of the Golden State Boxing and Wrestling Association.

THE LAST ROUND:
Joe Sweeney, 73, former boxer who later became a fight judge and referee, died September 28, 1986 in Philadelphia. He fought from 1928 until 1938, starting as a flyweight and finishing as junior welter. Sweeney engaged in around 100 pro bouts, winning most of them. Later, Sweeney became a policeman, a brewery representative, and a civic leader. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame . . . Carl J. Rabenold, 76, who fought as Nick Rabin, died September 26, 1986 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was a member of Ring 23, Allentown. Rabin had over 100 bouts in three weight divisions during a career that lasted from 1929 until 1942. Carl also trained boxers for many years after retiring from active combat . . . Freddie Brown, 79, veteran boxing trainer, passed away after a brief illness on December 4, 1986 in St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. A first-class cutman, Brown worked the corner for many champions and leading contenders, including the likes of Rocky Marciano, Roberto Duran, Larry Holmes, Dick Tiger, Vito Anuofermo, Aaron Pryor, and Ernie Terrell. Freddie is survived by his wife, Muriel, two married daughters and his grandchildren . . . May they all rest in peace. □

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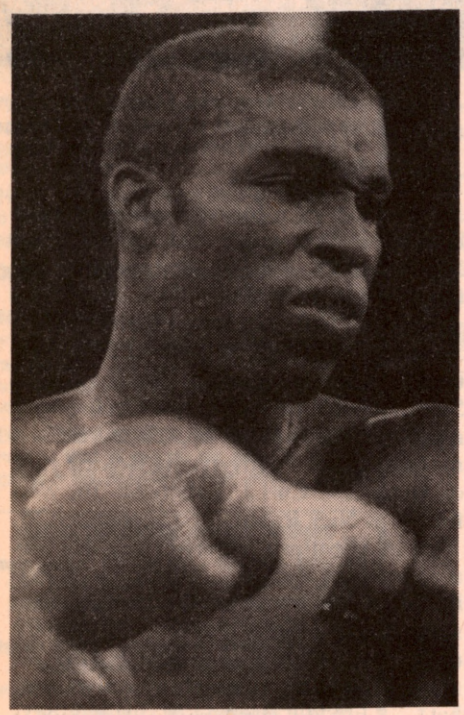
FOR LARRY HOLMES
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: What do you think of Mike Tyson now that he's beaten Trevor Berbick — a guy who lasted 15 rounds with you?
M.A.R., LAS VEGAS, NV

A: I think he's strong, but Berbick fought him all wrong. You don't fight a puncher. Every time Berbick jabbed, he stopped Tyson in his tracks. He's made for me.



FOR MICHAEL NUNN
California middleweight champion

Q: What do you say to all the critics who claim you can't punch hard enough, and that your fights are boring?
B.A., VAN NUYS, CA

A: I'm working on getting more power into my shots. But believe me, if I was ever to get into trouble, I'd fight like a wild horse in a barn fire if I had to.

FOR PINKLON THOMAS
Former WBC heavyweight champion

Q: Why did you looks so bad beating an average journeyman like William Hosea on the Tyson-Berbick card? After all, Mike Tyson stopped him in one round.
E.B., ST. PAUL, MN

A: He took a good shot and there wasn't any sense in going to war with him. I just tried to win every round.

FOR ANGELO DUNDEE
Trainer

Q: Is Mike Tyson unbeatable at this point in his career?
D.A., NEW YORK CITY

A: No fighter is unbeatable, but you can't stay in front of Tyson. You have to stay at an angle because his punches come from the outside. You also have to keep your hands up. But the whole trick is angles: Tillis confused him, Mitch Green hurt him with body shots. People talk about Tyson's upper-body strength, but that's phoney. If you've got no legs, you've got no upper-body strength, and Tyson doesn't have his legs under him.

FOR TONY TUCKER
The IBF's number-one rated heavyweight contender

Q: You are better looking and have more wins, but Mike Tyson gets all the attention. How come?
K.R., DETROIT, MI

A: He's lucky to be living in New York and getting all the press. I'm from a little town, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and nobody knows me, although I have an unbeaten record.

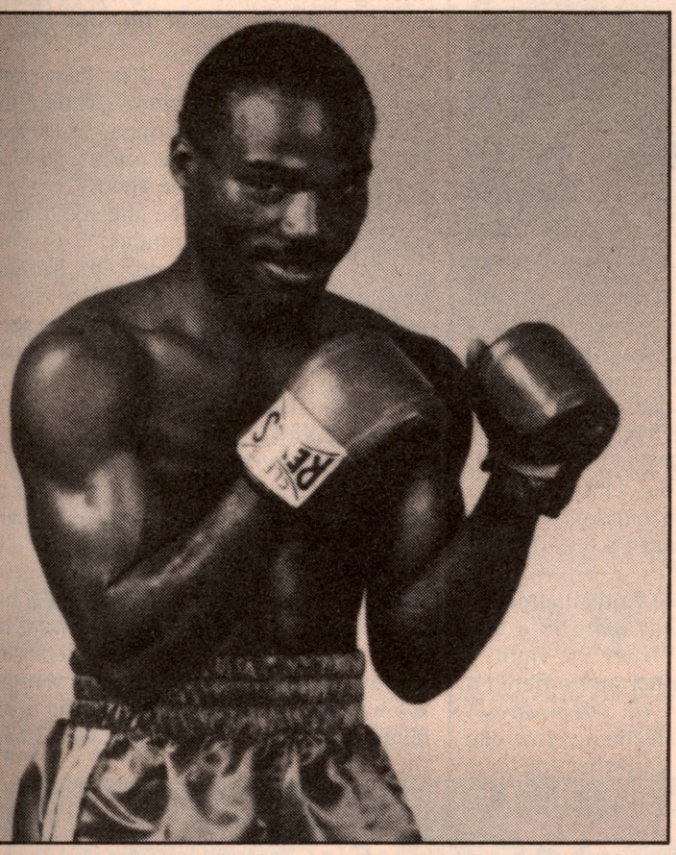
FOR BOB LEE
President of the International Boxing Federation

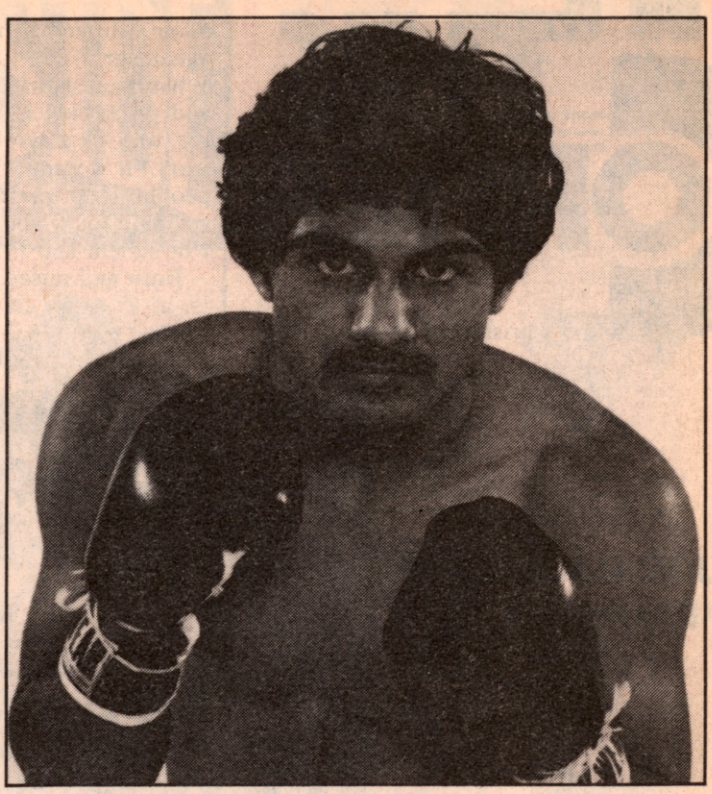
Q: What can boxing do to upgrade its image?
S.F., SAN DIEGO, CA

A: For one thing, each champion should lead by example. When they dress like models and act like champions, they automatically gain the respect of the public and the young fighters who someday hope to wear the crown.

OTHAL DIXON
JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

)LLOWING A 10-MONTH LAYOFF DUE TO KNEE SURGERY d rib injuries, Othal (Choo Choo) Dixon is back on the nning track. In two comeback wins since his recovery, Choo noo has blasted out J.D. Dobbins in two rounds and stopped wayne Prim in five to retain the Texas 140-pound title . . . verall, Dixon is now 18-1 with 16 knockouts as a pro. His ne defeat came at the hands of Sammy Fuentes in a savagely ntested 10-rounder in Atlantic City in June '85. Dixon was eady having problems with his knee at the time and may ry well have won with two sturdy legs under him . . . A ember of the polished HBA stable, Dixon began his fistic reer in Baltimore, later moving to Indianapolis where he ncluded his amateur days with a 26-4 log that included olden Glove titles in both Maryland and Indiana. He moved om Indy to Houston about four years ago looking for work a carpenter and soon began his pro career with a six-round cision over Kenneth Releford in Beaumont . . . Only 5-foot- Choo Choo earned his nickname when an amateur opponent ld a sportswriter that Dixon "hits like a train." . . . Dixon d his wife, Cynthia, have a baby daughter named Camisha . He is trained by Jesse Reid and Al (Potato Pie) Boulden . A devout Christian, Dixon doesn't believe boxing is as utal as many of the game's critics think . . . "I wouldn't y boxing is a violent sport. It depends on the attitude you ke into what you do. A friendly game of tag can turn to olence. I'm not in the ring to kill a guy. I'm in there to win. nce I'm usually shorter than my opponent, I try to offset that out-thinking him." □





ORLANDO CANIZALES
FLYWEIGHT

DURING THE THIRD ROUND OF HIS MATCH WITH PAUL Gonzales for the NABF flyweight title, underdog Orlando Canizales almost tore the defending champion's head off with a left hook. Down went Gonzales, badly shaken. But the challenger's moment of glory was short lived. Gonzales beat the count, boxed his way to safety, and rallied back to retain the crown with a unanimous 12-round decision. Some young fighters would have become discouraged by such a setback, but Canizales, 21, has used his near-miss as an inspiration, working even harder at his trade than before. In two outings since the loss to Gonzales, the hard-hitting Texan has racked up two quick kayoes, bringing his overall pro record to 13-1-1 with 11 knockouts . . . Orlando, who boasts a 108-12 amateur log, is the younger brother of former WBA bantamweight king Gaby Canizales . . . "In a way, Gaby is the reason I'm in boxing," said Orlando. "He was the first in our family to really get into it. I tried it, and I liked it." . . . Orlando and Gaby frequently spar together, neither giving nor asking any quarter. In fact, among those who have seen their spirited gym sessions, there are some who think Orlando is even better than Gaby . . . Although a rematch with Gonzales is always on Orlando's mind, his next target is Mike (Gilly Boy) Phelps, current holder of the Texas junior bantamweight title . . . "We keep putting Orlando in with tougher opponents and he keeps knocking them out," said Bob Spagnola, his manager . . . "I've been boxing since I was 10," said Orlando. "It has been good to me. It keeps me in good health. I get to travel, and I like that. I like competition. I like everything about boxing, even roadwork. Of course, my main goal is to become champion of the world." . . . Of course. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

JOE GAGLIARDI (promoter)

LORD KNOWS WHY ANYONE WOULD want to be a boxing promoter. It's not a profession with a great deal of social status. Most often, it ends up a short-lived occupation and a sure way to lose a bundle. But boxing needs promoters just as much as it does willing performers and paying customers. It takes more than ambition and ready cash to succeed as a promoter—but they're the best credentials to start with.

For the past 15 years, Joe Gagliardi has promoted countless club shows and closed circuit cards around Northern California. When he suffers a loss, he never complains or goes out of business. In fact, Gagliardi has done more to keep the sport alive in the Bay area than anybody.

"I didn't get into putting on club shows to make a lot of money," said Gagliardi as he reclined on a large couch in his home. Boxing is not a hobby with me. Whatever I do, I have a goal in mind. What interests me is finding a local fighter and promoting him from the prelims all the way to a world title. That's what I want. It doesn't help the sport to have people jump in, shoot for a quick profit, put on a lousy show, and then disappear. I'm patient and I'm willing to wait."

Born and raised in San Jose, Gagliardi is, at 47, a cheerful and successful man. He has traditional values, a wife and six children. He loves to play poker. He needs boxing like he needs another hole in his head. After all, life waltzes along nicely when you own an insurance company, some apartment buildings, a sporting goods store, and construction company.

Although the Salvador Sanchez-Wilfredo Gomez fight in '81 is regarded as a classic, the event was a downer for Gagliardi. He purchased the closed circuit rights for the western United States and ended up losing a quarter of a million dollars for his efforts.

"I miscalculated," he said, matter-of-factly. "I was depressed, more in a bad mood, for a few days. After the fight, I took my staff out to dinner and ordered a large steak and a beer. In a few days I bounced back. I'm a salesman. How can you make anyone believe in what you have to offer if you're complaining and unhappy?"

In 1974, Gagliardi underwrote the insurance to cover a large part of the Muhammad Ali-George Foreman title fight in Zaire. When Foreman was cut in training and forced to postpone the bout, the fight seemed in jeopardy. Foreman wanted to leave Africa and even threatened to back out of the match.

"The fight would never have taken place if it wasn't for the president of Zaire, Mubuto," claims Gagliardi. "There was concern that if Foreman left the country during the postponement he would never return. But Mubuto took care of everything. He placed soldiers armed with machine guns around Foreman's camp. I know because I rewrote the insurance. If it wasn't for Mubuto, I doubt Foreman would have gone through with the fight."

Well connected with all the big names in boxing, Gagliardi routinely does business with bitter rivals Don King and Bob Arum. He likes them both, respects them equally, and has not one complaint with either man. Whatever suspicions the world may harbor about the game's two dominant promoters, Gagliardi doesn't feel he has to hide his wallet when they are around.

"As far as I'm concerned, both Bob and Don are honest. They're shrewd and intelligent. But you'll never have a problem with either one of them as long as you've got it in writing."

In the United States, it is illegal for a promoter to manage fighters. Though this concept is well-intentioned, it is constantly ignored, and, according to Gagliardi, actually hurts the sport.

"Promoters should be allowed to manage fighters," he maintains. "It's done anyway and hasn't proved harmful. Hypocrisy doesn't benefit boxing."

His passion is like that of a movie agent searching for that one person he can make into a star.

"Boxing is magic. It deserves respect," said Gagliardi.

He never boxed and claims he never wanted to. But when pressed for his secret boxing fantasy, Gagliardi smiled and said: "Well, I'd be a middleweight, and I'd be a counterpuncher. Not strong, but smart. I'd move my opponents into making mistakes. I'd have to say I would have the right style to beat Sugar Ray Robinson. Not to take anything away from Robinson! He was probably the greatest. But it just happens that if we fought, I would have the style to beat him."

If you're going to have a fantasy, it might as well be a good one. □

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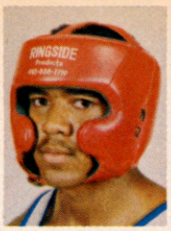

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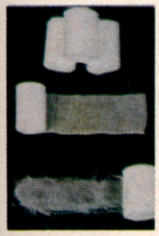

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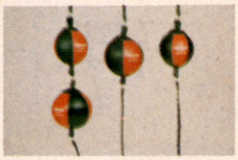

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